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Mr Simpson —
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Twelve prickly plants are a thorn in the side of thieves

The Dirty Dozen

ACPO responds to Sheehy

THE Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has opposed the controversial Sheehy proposals on performance-related pay and fixed term appointments. In its submission to the Home Secretary ACPO disputed:

- pay proposals which endanger recruitment and retention of high calibre officers.
- performance-related pay schemes which are too complex, bureaucratic and ambitious.
- fixed term appointments which are out of all proportion to the difficulties they seek to address.
- raising the retirement age to 60 which is impractical.
- changes to the rank structure which fail to recognise operational needs.

ACPO acknowledged the need for change but called for less complex and less costly solutions, which would allow greater freedom to manage the police service. ACPO's alternative proposals included:

- better starting pay and pay progression through annual appraisals.
 - fixed term appointments for senior ranks only.
 - streamlining higher ranks to enable an increase in beat constables.
 - overtime abolished only for inspectors and above.
- ACPO believes its proposals should form part of an ongoing programme of self-generated reform, leading to an improved and more cost-effective service to the public.

DISEMBOWEL your burglar is the latest advice being issued by Essex Police.

In a new crime prevention initiative, launched earlier this month, officers at

Saffron Walden have taken an age old idea and turned it into a thought provoking campaign to capture the imagination of home and business owners alike.



Saffron Walden Inspector John Emmerick battles with an old-fashioned rose, showing just how difficult you could make life for unwelcome visitors.

Burglaris Disembowelis promotes the strategic planting of particular shrubs and plants to form an impenetrable, but natural barrier around properties.

On its launch day at Cambridge's Botanical Garden it caused a flood of telephone calls from press, public and even other forces interested in learning more about the idea.

Home owners from as far afield as Northern Ireland, Aberdeen and Devon called Headquarters Press Office asking for details of the plants, having seen or heard information across the media.

By Kim White

Throughout the research into defensive planting Crime Prevention officers, along with horticultural expert Ray Veerman, selected 12 plants which would be an attractive alternative to conventional fencing or the use of barbed wire on wall.

Planted sensibly your welcome visitors will feel relaxed while your unwelcome visitor will no doubt be deterred.

Burglaris Disembowelis is by no means a cure for crime. Although it can help in prevention, other traditional methods such as locks, alarms, security lighting and property marking should not be forgotten.

Leaflets with pictures, details and prices of the plants, along with further advice on defensive planting are available from local police stations.

Wartime sirens wail again

SIRENS wailed across Essex last week for the first time since the War, but they warned not of enemy bombs but the threat of bombardment by the sea.

Thirty-one sirens along the length of the Essex coastline were started up for a four-minute test, which heralded the launch of the new County Flood Plan.

Since the disastrous East Coast Flood of 1953 sea defences have been strengthened and forecasting improved, but sea levels are rising and low lying areas of Essex are at risk.

Essex County Council has taken responsibility for the old sirens, originally intended to warn of air

raids, and they will now play a crucial role in warning residents in coastal areas of the threat of flooding.

The Sirens Test on September 17 was necessary to ensure they would work properly, and, in fact seven sirens failed to operate. These will now be repaired.

The test preceded with some of the highest tides of the year and, had the weather been unfavourable, the new County Flood Plan could have faced its first test.

The plan has been jointly produced by the County Council, Essex Police and the National Rivers Authority. Under the plan, Essex Police is the prime agency

for warning the public of danger, and co-ordinating evacuation and rescue plans.

Activating the sirens would be one of the main options for warning the public of an imminent threat of flooding and alerting them to listen to local radio and police announcements.

Nine of the sirens are located on Canvey Island, with others mainly in the Tendering, Thurrock and Maldon districts. At present, 26 of the sirens are linked to control points at Colchester, Chelmsford and Southend Police stations and can be operated from there. The other five currently require individual sounding.

The Flood Plan places responsibility for providing effective sea defences, and arrangements for flood forecasting with the National Rivers Authority. Conditions in the North Sea are monitored by the East Coast Storm Tide Warning Service, and the NRA then calculates the likely risk.

Essex County Council assumes overall responsibility for achieving a co-ordinated response, through liaison with local councils, voluntary organisations and other agencies.

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Federation denies intransigence as national campaign gathers pace

Punchy response to Sheehy

SINCE my last report there have been several meetings between National Federation officials and the Home Office, including meetings with the Home Secretary Michael Howard.

It has been reported in some of the press that the Federation has been intransigent and not prepared to negotiate with the Home Office.

I must put the record straight - that is certainly not the case. The Federation rejects the Sheehy report in its entirety. The package as a whole is totally unacceptable and is flawed in many of its points.

Change

However, we are still quite prepared to talk to the Home Office about any changes that are beneficial to the service we give to the public.

Council tax battle continues

THE battle to get the Police Authority to contribute towards the council tax for officers in provided accommodation continues.

At Monday's Police Liaison Committee meeting I presented a full report covering all the returns received from officers, setting out the anomalies within the force area.

At the full committee meeting in the afternoon the Chairman gave an update regarding the report and said that the matter would be fully discussed at the next Committee meeting on 6th December.

Meanwhile the Joint Central Committee agreed an agenda paper regarding the council tax for the matter to be progressed through the Police Negotiating Board at the earliest opportunity.

We will continue to explore all eventualities for the benefits of the members.

At a meeting with Michael Howard it was made perfectly clear that the Federation was not against change in the Police Service, in fact the Operational Policing Review published two years ago set out clearly our agenda for future changes within the service.

We reiterated our own evidence to the Sheehy Inquiry team which appears to have been totally ignored along with all the other evidence provided by the interested bodies.

Perhaps the original assumption that the

report had already been written may well have a ring of truth to it, possibly taken off the Home Office shelf, dusted down and brought up to date.

Since the publication of the Sheehy report a small team of advisers at Surbiton have been working on our response to the Home Secretary. The job is nearing completion.

It will be finalised and presented to the Home Office on the 29th September. A press conference will also be given on that day. Copies of the report will be with Joint Branch Board secretaries just prior to its publication.

What I can tell you is that the report will be

short, sharp and punchy.

With regard to the campaign launched by the Federation, on Friday 10th September, a full page advert appeared in most National newspapers. This was aimed at the public.

A further advert will appear on the 7th October aimed to coincide with the Home Secretary's speech on Law and Order at the Tory Party conference.

Lobby

Can I ask members to continue with their lobbying of their Members of Parliament at every opportunity. Those that have reported back, to date, have been very successful. The meetings at Colchester with Bernard Jenkin and Rochford with Dr Michael Clark have been most helpful.

Group Insurance Scheme

YOUR Joint Branch Board has agreed to continue the Group Insurance Scheme with the present Insurers George Burrows Group Insurance.

The renewal which is for a further three year period will remain the same premium price but with vastly increased benefits.

For instance the Death Cover for an officer is now £77,500. The Permanent Total Disablement Benefit has doubled to £20,000.

The Spouse Benefit, for the same premium of £1.55 per month, has

increased to £24,500.

I am also pleased to announce that we have now negotiated a further continuation scheme for officers who retire from the Force

(not on ill-health) of half life insurance benefits for the same premium. This also includes their spouse. This offer must be taken up prior to retirement.

The 31 day continuation option with regard to ill health retirements still exists.

POLICE COMMUTATION TABLES

I AM currently preparing the new tables as a result of the agreed 1.5% pay rise from the 1st September.

As last year these will not be published in the Law but will be published as a Force Order. Individual copies will be available from the Federation Office by the end of September.

Long-serving Chairman retires

Bob Needham, the Joint Branch Board Chairman, has indicated that he will be retiring from the Police Service on the 3rd October.

Bob has been your Chairman since taking over from Ted Davidson back in June 1984 and is currently one of the longest serving Chairmen in the country.

I have worked closely with Bob, both as Assistant Secretary and then as Joint Branch Secretary since 1988 and he will be sorely

missed.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking Bob for his help over the years and our partnership together at the helm of the Joint Branch Board.

I wish him both personally and on behalf of the Joint Branch Board a long, happy and healthy retirement, and every success in his new

appointment with Colchester Borough Council.

New Chairman:

Sergeant Dave Jones from Basildon, the current Vice Chairman of the Joint Branch Board will take over the full time role of Chairman until the next Joint Branch Board meeting when the appointment should be ratified and a new Vice Chairman elected.



by Brian Pallant

Support from council on White Paper

THE Federation will be making a response to the White Paper in writing to the Home Secretary. This will be kept separate from the Sheehy response although we are all aware that they are linked.

The Police Committee in Essex had an emergency meeting recently to discuss the White Paper.

Members had the same concerns as ourselves regarding many aspects of the report and wrote to the Home Secretary, their Members of Parliament and all county councillors.

I was able to speak at the Committee meeting and reiterated our stance on the matter.

It would appear that all Associations are firmly against many of the Home Secretary's proposals.

Finally at the Police Committee meeting held at Basildon on Monday, 13th September, there was support for total rejection of the Sheehy report. It was agreed that a suitable letter should therefore be sent to the Home Secretary.



● Soon to retire: Bob Needham.

THE LAW OPINION

USING prickly plants to deter burglars is not a new idea. The concept of defensive planting has been kicking around at Crime Prevention seminars for some years.

Yet, earlier this month, the same concept bought a blaze of national publicity to Essex Police. When the Force's *Burglaris Disembowelis* campaign was launched it attracted TV, radio and newspaper coverage across Britain.

It inspired the Guardian The Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph to dedicate up to a page of valuable newsprint to "The Dirty Dozen" defensive plants catalogued in conjunction with Saffron Walden-based horticultural consultants Hugo Veerman.

Why? It is a simple idea, a comical idea, but above all, a well-packaged idea.

The overwhelming and perhaps unexpected success of the campaign is a tribute to the effectiveness of positive marketing.

It demonstrates the vitality of partnerships with the business community and the potential for private sponsorship of public campaigns.

To move forward demands a change in the traditional police culture, which has a deep-seated unease about glossy marketing methods.

But *Burglaris Disembowelis* is living proof of how clever packaging and promotion can turn a good idea into a powerful public relations campaign.

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.

National Association of Special Constabulary Officers BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ORDER NOW

ON January 16 1994, a Book of Remembrance recording the names of Special Constables and Police Reserves killed on duty, will be dedicated at a Service in Coventry Cathedral.

HRH The Princess Royal will be in attendance together with representatives from all UK Police Forces.

To help cover the cost of the 'Book' NASCO is offering you the opportunity to purchase a unique tie-tac or booklet (or both) commemorating the service:-

(1) 'Dove' tie-tac

Only 3,000 tie-tacs are being produced. The tac is multi-coloured and depicts a dove nestling on a police cap, holding a book under its wing (cost £1 each).

(2) 'Roll of Honour'

This high quality booklet will list all the Special Constables/Police Reserves (523 names) detailed in the Book of Remembrance. The list runs from 1801 to the present day. It will include a brief history, photographs and accounts of certain officers deaths. Each booklet will cost £4 (including postage). Payment must be made in advance. Only 2,500 copies will be produced. Each booklet will be individually numbered and contain a Certificate of Authenticity.

ORDER FORM

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

Please send me 'Dove' tie-tac(s) at £1 each. (5 or less add 30p postage).

Please send me 'Roll of Honour' booklet(s) at £4 each (incl. postage).

Total amount enclosed - £.....

Please make cheques payable to N.A.S.C.O. (send no cash). Send this form to: NASCO, 32 Serpentine Road, Wallasey, Merseyside. L44 0AX.

Off beat

Off the cuff

FIRE officers called for police assistance when they were unable to free an elderly gentleman who got himself locked into a pair of handcuffs.

The man from Holloway Crescent, Leaden Roding, had no key and was getting rather panicky. The emergency services never did find out why he had them on in the first place.

'L' of a mistake

A LEARNER driver, who forget which pedal stops the car and which makes it go, ploughed into a house in Tye Green, Wimbish. Although there were no injuries, two houses were structurally damaged.

Potty over distress call

PC POTTS of Harlow Division nearly had a baby when the Control Room asked him to assist a mid-wife in Shelley Close, Shelley. He breathed a sigh of relief when he discovered she had just locked her keys in her car.

Stolen! One wife

A RECENT incident at first glance read: "Informant wishes to speak to police regarding the recent theft of his wife." Further investigation revealed it was actually his wife's car which had been stolen from Elmdon.

What a nut

SGT CHIVERS at Clacton had a strange conversation with a man who had reported his bike stolen from a garage. It went: VICTIM: I have checked in my garage and my socket set has also been stolen, it cost £49. SGT CHIVERS: Is it half inch drive? VICTIM: No 24 Lupin Way.

Scotch Missed

A SPECIAL constable was called to assist in some French translation after a man had his lorry hi-jacked at knife point. It turned out the lorry driver was SCOTTISH.

Game boy

OFFICERS were called to Danbury Country Park after reports of a strange man approaching some young boys and then hiding behind some trees. The man in question was described as looking like Super Mario Brothers, tubby, thinning dark hair with a beard and moustache and wearing a blue ballet dress.

Traffic officers raise £3,500 for sick child

Peddalling for pounds

by
Kim White

A purrfect ending

A YOUNG child suffering from cerebral palsy is to benefit from a gruelling bike ride undertaken by two Stanway Traffic officers.

Pc Dave Grimshaw and Sgt Frank Ruggles have been involved with many charity events for children including marathons, but this year they decided to take to the saddle for seven-year-old James from Clacton.

Said Frank: "We'd never attempted bike riding before and thought it was the ideal choice."

But for two men with no experience John O'Groats to Land's End - a total of 845 miles - was very adventurous.

"Neither of us could call ourselves cyclists," said Frank, "so we decided to give it a crack. Our fitness from running helped and to be fair we did some training before the trip but not a great deal."

Averaging 106 miles each day over eight days, the duo, with back up by Pc Chris Woodward in a Discovery, slept wherever they could find a bed and a hot shower - usually army barracks.

Setting off at 7am each morning they eat whatever they could lay their hands on.

Frank explained: "We took with us a supply of bananas, cereal, Mars Bars and Lucozade and filled in the gaps with whatever we could find, Wimpy's Big Macs etc."

A highlight to the trip

for Frank was meeting both his son and daughter en route.

He said: "Steve is in the RAF in Edinburgh and he met us on the Forth Road Bridge with a welcome flask of hot coffee."

"My daughter, Julia, met up with us just outside Liverpool with extra pasties and sausage rolls. It all helped to keep us going."

Although the weather was far from on their side, neither suffered any injuries and their bikes, 21 speed mountain bikes, only fell prey to two punctures, one each.

"There's a lot you take for granted in a car," said Frank. "A gradient becomes a mountain when you're in the saddle, especially towards the end, and the weather was dead against us. There was a depression which followed us from start to finish."

But the pair made the trip in excellent time and say they would do it again - just not yet.

Although the sponsorship and donations have not been totalled, they think they're raised about £3,500.

Now Dave and Frank will meet up with the parents of James and decide where there want to go and when, depending on James' state of health.



CAT LOVING copper Pc Jym Grant sprang to the rescue when these two cute kittens used up their nine lives dodging the traffic in busy Beehive Lane, Chelmsford.

It was a case of The Bill nicking Bill as Jym took the four-month-

old rouges called Bill and Sarah to a place of safety, his own home, in the protective custody of his three cats.

The terrible twosome didn't paws for thought when the chance came to slip out of owner David Allen's home and cause traffic chaos.

But, fortunately, as Chelmsford traffic-based Pc Grant observed, "the tail had a purrfect ending", and they were reunited with their worried owner.

Jym Grant is pictured (above) with Tabby Bill and Sarah, the lucky black cat.

Armed officers guard Terry Rands retires

TOP security surrounded Southend's Cliffs Pavilion when Essex Police held its annual charity concert which featured the Bands of the Royal Marines' Commander-in-Chief.

But the security didn't deter hundreds from turning up for the event.

Special guests included the commandant of Shoebury Garrison, Chief Constable John Burrow and senior councillors and executives.

The evening was incident free and ended with a standing ovation for the musicians and bandmasters - Graham Sheldon, who took the baton for Essex Police last October, and Capt Richard Waterer, with the Royal Marines band services since 1964.

Capt Waterer said that the Marines' public appearances had been cut due to security but that they had been happy to visit Southend because of the Essex police protection.

Mr Burrow said the force had raised more than £200,000 for county charities in six years and that the concert would give funds for the needy another substantial boost.

●Police Fun Day lottery was drawn at the Cliffs Pavilion Band Concert. The results were as follows:

Mediterranean Cruise, Mrs Askem; return air tickets to Amsterdam, Jackson; Rotary wristwatch, Sam Anderson; exercise bike, Ann Hood; basket of fruit, Jill Wilson; suitcase, Mr B Thurkettle; bottle of champagne, Carol Manning; case of wine, Revell; bottle of gin, C E Day; cuddly toy, Denis Sheppard; case of beer, Jon Evans; golf bag, Spuett; family flask, DI Dennis; briefcase, Linda Gilmour; Marks & Spencer voucher, V M Lee; food hamper, Simon Le Mare; two bottles of wine, DS O'Toole; bottle of Sherry, Terry Mallon; fruits and sherry cake, Bull; motorists accessory kit, M. Oakley, joint of pork, Mr A Brinton, hand made Belgian chocolates, J Simpson; crystal glass decanter; ladies toiletries, Jean Finch; gift pack of stationary, Dave Martin.

ACC Terry Rands is to retire in March having served 32 years in the Force.

Born in 1943, Mr Rands has been Assistant Chief Constable for Administration since April last year, having been responsible for personnel for the previous three years.

Prior to that he was the Divisional Commander at Grays following four years as Head of the Complaints and Discipline Department. In addition to his work within Essex he has travelled to the Middle East and Scandinavia to study police work.

Married with four children, Mr Rands also doubles up as the Force Wildlife Liaison Officer, endeavouring to ensure that resources available to deal with countryside matters are used to their best effect.

Off-duty Mr Rands interests include wildlife and countryside photography, gardening, reading, listening to music, do-it-yourself, attending auctions and Roman and Victorian Britain.

Mr Rands will officially retire on March, 31.

The CPS in layman's terms

IN a recent public awareness survey, 27 per cent of people said that they would contact their local police station if they needed information about the CPS.

Due to these findings the CPS would like to make police officers aware of a new CPS leaflet which is ideal for handing out to the general enquirer.

In the Public Interest explains in layman's terms what the CPS is and how it operates. It should be made available in busier police stations with a limit of 10 per station.

Alternatively it is available from the Crown Prosecution Service, The Publicity Office P93, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7EX. Tel: 071 273 8049.

Have you lost a camera?

SOME time ago a Canon camera was found on the Essex Police coach and, despite enquiries, Chf Insp Paul Adams has been unable to trace its owner.

If anyone has lost this camera or knows who the owner is they should contact Chf Insp Adams on 0245 491491 ext 2680.

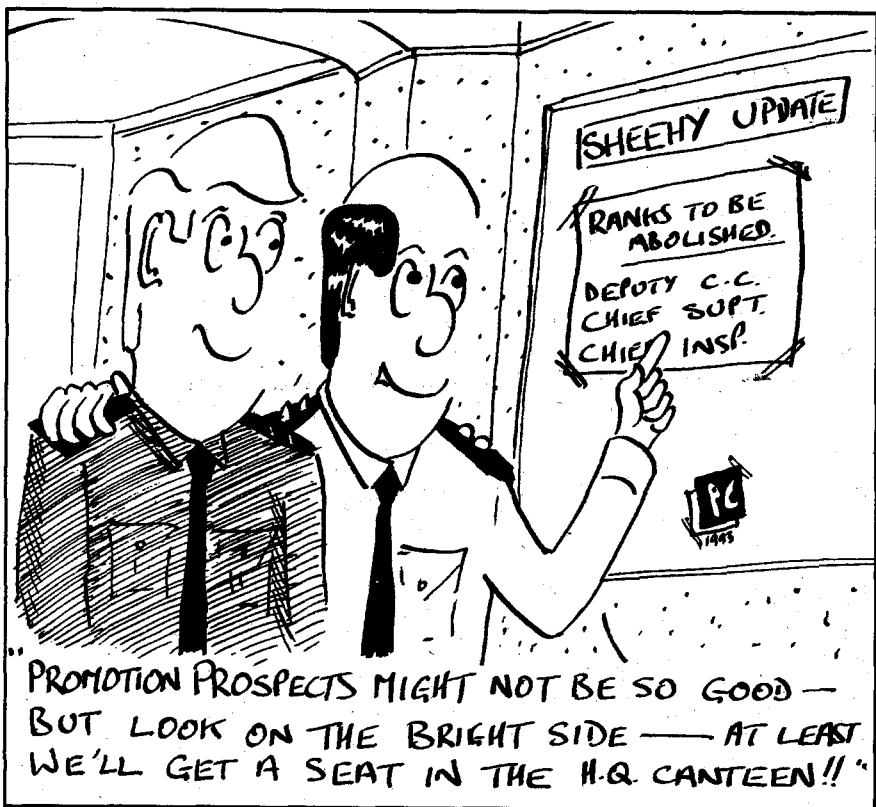
School changes its name

ESSEX Police Training School, as of now, has been renamed Essex Police Training Centre.

It will continue to be responsible for providing training throughout Essex

Police comprising of internal and external courses.

The administration of conferences and seminars, and the collection of all training costs will also continue.



Magnificent team raised £5,400

THIS is a formal letter of thanks to your colleagues for raising the magnificent sum of £5,400 through sponsorship from the recent London Marathon.

I was delighted to be invited to the station to collect the cheque and enjoyed meeting everyone who was involved.

It is particularly pleasing to know that this was a co-operative effort from the whole Essex county, since the Radiotherapy Unit here in Southend does provide a service for more than just the immediate local area.

The cheque has been paid in to the Radiotherapy Department Trust Fund, and will be used to provide extra facilities that cannot really be provided by the National Health Service, such as more comfortable surroundings for patients attending for treatment and consultations, labour sav-

ing pieces of equipment, to allow our staff more time with the patients and to pay for research into new methods of treatment and educating staff in new developments.

Please pass on my thanks and those of every-

one here in the Southend Cancer Unit, to those who were unable to attend the presentation, as we all realise the amount of work that has been involved.

Alan Lamont,
Consultant,
Southend Hospital.

● For picture and more details about the presentation, see page 11.

Where were the vigilantes?

MR JENNINGS (The Law, June) I believe you when you say that 82 per cent of people phoned into your poll supporting vigilantes, but I very much doubt that 82 per cent would come out in public. I think this would possibly be between 10 and 20 per cent.

In July a cleaner reported to me that he had been stopped by two people near his home who asked him for money. He said he did not have any so he was kicked to the floor, held down, and anything he did have was taken from him.

He also said people just walked past him. He has

two broken fingers, a pair of £200 glasses smashed and clothes ripped.

Where were the vigilantes this time — Sunday 10am, Old Kent Road in daylight?

I am sorry Mr Jennings but it does not work in London or towns. It might in villages but not in cities.

THE LONG ROAD TO COURT

THE article by Jenny Grinter in the August edition of The Law I found most interesting, as no doubt many of your readers did.

It brought back so many memories of my two month trip to Australia a few years ago when I toured the eastern region, working up through the middle and down the eastern seaboard.

One of the most interesting places was at Coober Pedy, almost in the centre

of South Australia, an opal mining town. I stayed a couple of nights there and made contact with the local police.

Something of interest to your readers will be the fact that when one of the nine male and female detachment makes an arrest and needs to go to

We have the police force, specials, neighbourhood watch schemes and good neighbour schemes — is this not enough?

With reference to your programme, I or my co-ordinators did not see it so could you give us the channel it was on and the name and I will do the rest.

I believe that vigilantes should not be able to patrol our streets as they cause more problems than they are worth.

K. Page,
Area Co-ordinator,
Pittmans Field, Harlow

court in Adelaide, it takes three days.

One travelling there, the next day in court and the third to return to base.

There is no railway there and it's too expensive to fly. As shown in the article you need to visit Australia to get an idea of the sheer size of the place and the distances involved.

Phil Pewsey, Hamstel Road, Southend.

Letters

Praise for police work after Harlow stabbing

Great day for justice

I AM writing to you regarding the fatal stabbing of Michael Huntingdon which occurred on August 9, 1992 at Hasla House.

My name is Tom Groome and I spent six weeks in Princess Alexandra Hospital after an emergency operation for a single stab wound to the stomach.

On August 9 the police initiated an investigation and spent an awful lot of time bringing Gary and Darren Johns to justice.

Gary Johns has subsequently been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, and his younger brother Darren Johns convicted with two years detention.

I can't begin to describe the feelings I have knowing that all the police effort was not in vain and that the brothers are paying the price for their part in these events. Thank you does not convey the real appreciation I feel for the police involved in this operation.

While there have been some bad press reports about the judicial system recently and the never ending media coverage of police in knife edge discrimination, I am compelled to write to you about the members involved who I now personally know.

Mick Clarke, who began the investigation and kept me informed while I was in the UK and Liz Boothman

who dictated my statement. I thank them both.

DI Phil Mellon, who had been extremely clear-headed and very supportive bringing things into perspective regarding the case. To Mr Gamble, who oversaw the investigation and his wit putting light to the tense situation.

My special thanks go to Mr Tony Martinex who never seemed to stop, continually working and co-ordinating and giving an emotional shoulder. Thanks for his strength and understanding. It won't be forgotten.

Obviously a big thank you to all the people involved that I've never met.

I know I speak on behalf of all the people who have been part of this tragedy or been affected by the consequences of it. We are truly in your debt. Thank you for your marvellous work, it's a great day for justice.

Tom Groome,
Planet Street,
Carlisle, Perth,
Western Australia.

All the way from Oz

I WAS recently in England and was honoured to receive an invitation to attend a farewell party at Braintree Police Station to mark the closing of the station and the removal to the new one.

I would like to express my thanks to the Superintendent and all the staff present for the consideration shown me as a previous serving officer at Braintree before I retired.

J.R. Flory,
Roselyn Street,
Port MacQuarie,
N.S.W. 2444,
Australia.

DUTCH BIKERS SAY THANKS

THROUGH this letter I would like to thank our colleagues from Essex Police for all that they did for us when we cycled through Essex for charity.

I must say we had a very warm welcome from all of the colleagues in the places we stopped.

We were able to raise a total of £7,000 of which £1,200 went to the London Ronald MacDonald House.

Robert Croese, Police, Amsterdam.

GRAYS DIVISION Reunion

Friday 22 October

Sherry reception 7.30pm followed later by buffet

All retired Grays Divisional police and civilian pensioners are cordially invited to this event, to be held at **GRAYS POLICE STATION, BROOKE ROAD, GRAYS.**

Would those planning to attend kindly complete the form below to give the event organiser, Peter Spensley, some idea of numbers.

RETURN TO: Sgt 1213 Gordon Muir,
Grays Police Station,
Brooke Road, Grays,
Essex, RM17 5BX.

GRAYS DIVISION REUNION

NAME: TEL NO:

ADDRESS:

NUMBER ATTENDING:

NB: As it has been a while since the last reunion, the above details are needed to update our records. Thanks.

Cop Capers

Pc Plod catches Big Ears

'ERE 'ERE. Heard the one about the bank robber who was trapped by his ears?

Hapless Bobby Lee Clarke was jailed for ten-and-a-half years at Snaresbrook Crown Court last month after a security camera photo was used to identify him by his ears, which stuck out of his mask.

Scientist Dr. Peter Vanezis told the court that ears were like fingerprints, with each one being unique. Clarke was caught on camera robbing Barclays Bank at Aveley.

Hitched a ride

From ears to 'Ere Comes The Bride, and a wedding couple who left the church in a police car.

No, it wasn't a domestic at the Altar, but a helping hand from Southern Traffic after the wedding car was written off in a shunt with a bus.

Bride Colleen Jackson and groom Paul Shipp felt all at sea when the bus sent their wedding car hurtling up the road outside St. Aidan's Church in Leigh-on-Sea.

But the traffic car arriving to deal with the crash saved the day, delivering the newlyweds safely to their reception.

Cracking crime together



CRIME prevention advice was on the agenda when Burnham Town Mayor John Smith and his family met up with local officers.

They popped in to the Essex Police Crime Prevention caravan as they toured the Burnham Town Show on September 4.

Mr Smith, his wife Angela and daughter Christina are pictured with Maldon Crime Prevention Officer Pc. Ken Delgado and Pc. Brian Beales from Southminster.

Picture by LES BRAND.

Measure for measure

ESSEX POLICE reinforced its long term commitment to Service Delivery Standards this month by introducing a far-reaching strategy to measure how well those high standards are being met.

When Service Delivery Standards were introduced in February this year they marked a key change in the Force's 152-year history, setting out for the first time for officers and support staff exactly what is expected of them when dealing with specific tasks.

Six Service Delivery Standards have now been issued and a seventh, covering road deaths, is due to be released at the end of this month. Eventually they will cover every area of Essex Police's work.

But now the whole SDS programme is to be strengthened in a move which, according to Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson, spells out Essex Police's commitment to providing the best possible service to the public.

"It takes time for any new initiative to make its mark and there are bound to be a few teething problems, but Service Delivery Standards have met with widespread support and there is no doubt they are the way forward for Essex Police," said Mr Simpson. "Measuring how well we are

meeting these high standards is a vital ingredient in continuing the success of SDSs."

Although ways of measuring how well Service Delivery Standards are being met already exist — such as examining IRIS inputs, checking the time it takes to answer calls, and public surveys — it soon became clear a more accurate method was needed.

To overcome this Essex Police has developed a measurement strategy, which now not only makes Service Delivery Standards more effective, it also takes the Force to the forefront of moves nationally to measure the quality of service provided to the public.

Some measurement of the Force's performance is already required, such as crime returns to the Home Office and road accident figures to the Department of Transport. In time all these figures will be drawn into relevant Service Delivery Standards, which will be covered by a single mea-

surement strategy.

ACC (O) Geoffrey Markham said the ability to know how Essex Police was performing was critical to the whole of the force's management, command and control strategy.

"When we can tell how we are performing across a range of functions we can then take the necessary steps to improve in any areas which will enable

us to deploy our resources to optimum effect," he said.

This means that when the road death Service Delivery Standard is released this month it will be accompanied by a measurement strategy document laying down what the SDS is trying to achieve.

Later this year measurement documents will be released to cover the previous six service delivery standards.

Tesco kidnap on TV

THE BBC is to screen a reconstruction of the Tesco kidnap and the Essex Police investigation which brought John "The German" Calton and his gang to justice.

The 55-minute *Crimewatch File* programme will be shown on BBC 1 at 9.35pm on Tuesday, September 28.

The *Crimewatch* team worked closely with investigating officer Det. Supt. Malcolm Hargreaves to reconstruct the kidnap of the Andrews family from their Colchester home, the handing over of £55,000 by Tesco manager James Andrews, and the subsequent police operation.

Publicity on *Crimewatch UK* helped detectives to track down Calton in North Wales.

Xmas shopping offer

WITH the kids back at school, the time is fast approaching to turn your mind to Christmas shopping.

And Boots the Chemists has come up with a special shopping evening for all members of Essex Police and their immediate families.

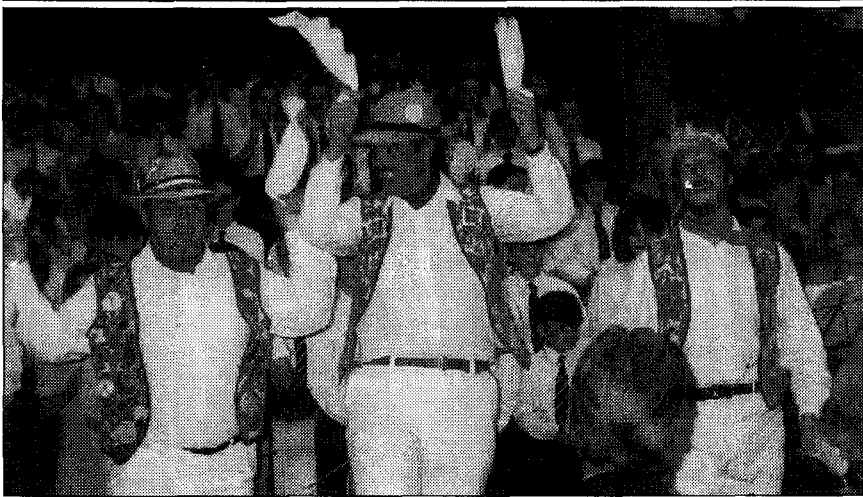
On Tuesday, November 23, between 6pm and 9pm, the Chelmsford Boots stores will be open exclusively for employees of the police and fire service, with a 10 per cent discount off all purchases (excluding gift vouchers, medicines, books and spectacles).

ID or Warrant cards will admit any member of staff with their immediate family.

In November, 300 invitations will be distributed to Chelmsford, HQ and Billericay police stations for families unable to be accompanied by a staff member.

Christmas brochures will be available for collection at either store. So get the date in your diary now.

Schools take TCP tonic



● Pcs Pheby, Taylor and Card entertain schoolchildren in Halstead.

A POLICE-prescribed tonic put a sparkle into the Halstead and Hedingham Primary Music Festival.

The three singing policemen - known as TCP - entertained children from 11 local schools with their rousing renditions of "Wouldn't it be Luvly"

from My Fair Lady, and The Floral Dance.

The three Pcs - John Taylor, Steve Card and John Pheby - were participating as guest artists in the

Festival for their fifth successful year.

Music Association Secretary Marion Thompson said: "I should just like to say Thank You to our local Pcs who continue to serve us in the community in a real and entertaining way."

Oh for a motor like a Skoda!



SOME people will do anything to avoid parking restrictions at Headquarters Driving School!

So Public Order Training Instructor Sgt. Ian Ellison cunningly attempted to disguise his souped-up Skoda as a bona fide police car to sneakily gain access to the limited space.

And with fears of Government cost-cutting to the force, some cynics believed this was the latest line in police patrol cars. Well, Ian reckons it's got more go than a diesel Orion!

JUST THE TICKET

NOBODY loves a traffic warden. But do they really deserve the image portrayed in the media?

From as far back as we can remember men and women have patrolled towns in their black and yellow uniforms keeping the streets free of hazards and issuing tickets to drivers breaking the law.

But over the years the role of the traffic warden has changed and their powers have increased, and yet they are still treated with resentment by so many.

Two prime examples are Shirley Jarvis and Ian Battersby who both joined Colchester on the same day six years ago.

As much as they enjoy their job both Shirley (34) and Ian (52) have been on the receiving end of some fiery tempers.

Said Ian: "I had two men threaten to beat me up when I gave them a ticket."

Meanwhile Shirley came face to face with two fists and a lot of verbal abuse without even issuing a ticket. She had merely asked the driver not to park in the same place next time.

But as Shirley pointed out? "The way you approach a driver is the clincher. I always smile at a driver and put them at ease, it's first impressions that count. On the other hand you get some people who won't even listen to reason. They see the yellow band, instantly get their back up and there's no telling them."

Both Shirley and Ian feel that the yellow on the uniform and the name traffic warden has a lot to answer for.

Ian says: "The service has changed. gone are the

SINCE June 1 this year, traffic wardens have been given the following enhanced powers:

1. Require production of driving licence and statement of date of birth where they believe an offence has been committed by stopping on or within the approach to a pedestrian crossing, in breach of pedestrian crossing regulations, or left in a dangerous position.
2. To enforce the law in respect of the above offences.
3. The power to exercise the functions of a police constable under the Fixed Penalty Scheme in respect of:
 - a) a vehicle obstructing the highway;
 - b) a vehicle left in a dangerous position.



● Shirley Jarvis advises a passer-by the best way to show a coach load of disabled pensioners the town castle.

days when we just go around slapping tickets on windscreens. We don't get paid by the amount of tickets we issue, we are there to ensure that the roads are clear.

"Warden is such an old-fashioned word and people see the yellow and instantly conjure up the age-old image.

"We are only human and the image is so wrong that sometimes it doesn't matter how polite we are."

In fact the majority of the warden's time is spent giving directions, advice, and ASKING people to move on.

Bigger events include the policing of carnivals, football matches and even sealing off the town during a bomb call, which in a military town like Colchester is an essential service.

Contrary to popular belief the traffic warden is not 'a thicko' who just isn't qualified to do anything else.

Many of them are ex-servicemen, firemen etc. They, in fact, come from all walks of life. Ian was a butcher for 30 years while Shirley is a qualified seed analyst and crop inspector.

Said Shirley: "The fact is that we are intelligent, responsible people who ARE needed. If we were to be called off the streets for just two hours, there would be chaos.

"Because of that there are fortunately more people who do respect us than don't."

I joined Shirley and Ian for just 20 minutes in Colchester's Headgate and in that time at least half a dozen people waved or shouted a welcome to the

The streets would be chaos if we didn't have any traffic wardens

From Dixon of Doc



● ON THE BEAT: The young Pc. Peter Simpson, a Watford-based probationer with Hertfordshire Constabulary in 1959.

PETER Simpson grew up with the police way of life. His father Arthur William Simpson served for 30 years with Essex Constabulary, rising to the rank of Chief Superintendent.

As a boy, the young Peter moved from police house to police house, in Brentwood, Canvey, Pitsea, Clacton, Saffron Walden and later Colchester, where he finished his schooling.

As a teenager at Saffron Walden, he remembers the banter with a young cadet, who in less than polite terms told him to get lost. Thirty years later when he came to Essex from Hertfordshire as Assistant Chief Constable, the cadet had risen through the ranks to become the head of CID, Roger Richardson.

Despite his background, Mr Simpson's schoolboy ambition was to become a farmer, but without the finance to set up on his own he changed course and joined the Royal Military Police in 1956.

For two years he served in Berlin, where he was drafted to help deal with street disturbances following the Hungarian uprising. He then joined the RMP's Special

Investigation Branch, serving in the London District.

Mr Simpson joined Hertfordshire Police in 1959, a deliberate decision to make his own way away from his father's Force, and started service in Watford. Five months later he married Marjorie, whom he had met



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Chief Superintendent Arthur Simpson of Essex Police in the 1950s.

Sheehy put

RETIRING Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson has criticised the controversial Sheehy report for "putting pound signs against everything" and failing to understand the British system of policing by consent

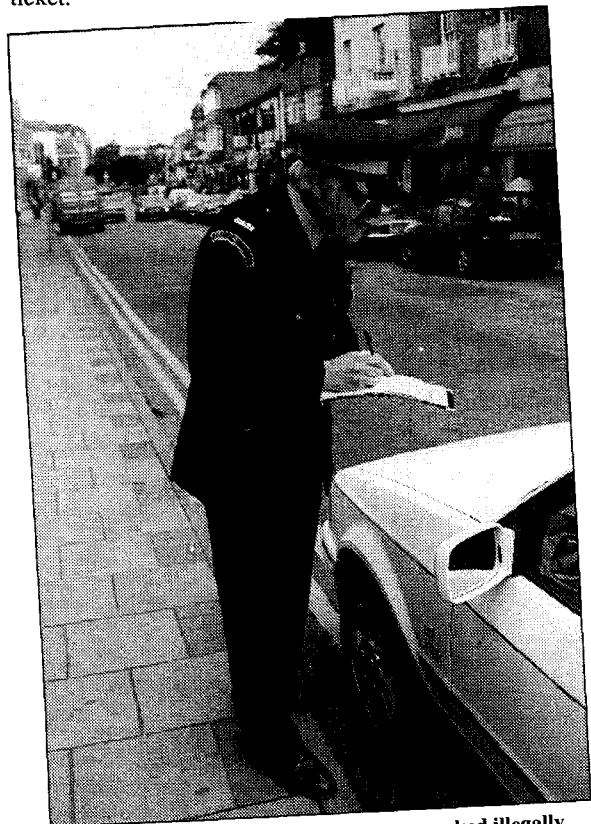
Mr Simpson, who retires next month after almost 35 years police service, said, "I think Sheehy is just a badly thought out document. It merely shows that there was insufficient understanding of the whole concept of policing by consent, and of the service value that the police officer provides.

"That's always the danger when you start putting pound signs against everything. You lose the good will and the true service element which has always been the hallmark of the good police officer."

He continued, "In the years ahead there will most certainly be changes. But I hope the service has been sufficiently persuasive in arguing against some of the proposals in the Sheehy report which would do little for the prevention or detection of crime or for the well being and quality of life of the police officer."

But he stressed that Essex officers should not be dispirited. "This Force is of good heart and in a good position to cope with change," he said.

Mr Simpson was at



● Ian Battersby writes a ticket for a car parked illegally.

Green to the Tottenham riots, Peter Simpson looks back on 35 years of service

Goodbye to a way of life



● **ESSEX MAN:** DCC Peter Simpson will indulge his interest in classic cars after his retirement. His immaculately maintained Cortina has become a familiar sight around the county's police stations. He bought it new when he joined Essex Police in 1981, and it has travelled 98,000 miles around the county with him, mostly on duty.

while still at school in Colchester.

At Watford, Mr Simpson recalls being marched onto the street by the Inspector and Sergeant to parade for duty and take up his beat.

Noddy

With radios still several years away, he had to call in from police pillars. After being posted to St. Albans, he graduated from foot patrol to the station's "Noddy" bike, the days of the 250cc BSA and the 200cc Velocette.

With only three years service, and keen to drive the area car, he took his advanced driving course which was combined with the Essex Police course.

In 1962, he became the first Herts. officer to come to Essex for the Road Traffic Law course, staying in Kingston Hostel. The course photo hangs on the wall in the Essex Police Driving School to this day.

Mr Simpson became one of Hertfordshire's first traffic officers when the Force introduced its Traffic Division in December 1962, driving a Ford Zephyr Farnham estate. He also became one of the first

DEPUTY Chief Constable Peter Simpson retires on October 27, the day before his 55th birthday, after almost 35 years in the police service. He spoke to Jenny Grinter about some of the memorable moments in his long and varied career, the changes he has witnessed, and about his hopes for the future of the service.



● **DCC Peter Simpson**

officers to patrol the newly-opened M1 motorway.

He particularly recalls the freezing winter of early 1963 when travel was virtually impossible and he drove with snow chains on his traffic car.

Murder

While stationed at Bishop's Stortford, his was frequently the first response car for Stansted Airport, and he often worked closely with Essex officers.

In 1966 he transferred to CID, and was involved with the arrest and interview of Harry Roberts, who murdered

three detectives in Shepherd's Bush, and was found hiding in Thorley Woods at Stortford. Roberts was later sentenced to life imprisonment.

After promotion to Sergeant, he served at Hemel Hempstead where he broke and dislocated his right arm during a struggle with a suspect, one of four occasions during his career when he was injured on duty and required hospital treatment.

On this occasion, the assault followed a late night pursuit into Buckinghamshire, then a chase across fields. As Mr Simpson grappled with the

suspect, both fell into an empty silage pit on a farm. As a result, Mr Simpson became one of the first Herts officers to make a claim under the new Criminal Injuries Compensation system.

Moving back to CID at Watford, Mr Simpson helped investigate the kidnap and murder of a national newspaper editor's wife, Muriel McKay. She was kidnapped in London, but there was evidence she had been taken to a farm in Stocking Pelham.

Although her body was never found, the Hussein brothers were convicted of her murder at the Old Bailey, where Mr Simpson gave evidence.

Ambition

As an Inspector, Mr Simpson spent two years as staff officer to the Chief Constable, Raymond Buxton. Although it had never been his particular ambition to reach Chief Officer level, Mr Simpson feels this proved to be a valuable experience.

He said, "I am pleased that I spent nine years as a Pc. I certainly wasn't a flyer, although eventually I got to the stage where I thought it might be possible to reach the same rank as my father."

There followed a lengthy stint in command of St Albans CID, where Mr Simpson's

most unusual case — and the one attracting most media attention — was the kidnapping of Arthur the cat, star of TV commercials.

Further promotions followed, with Mr Simpson commanding three different sub-divisions before becoming head of traffic for the county. As Chief Superintendent, he gained a place on the Senior Command Course at the Police Staff College, Bramshill in 1980.

During this time he completed several weeks' attachment to the New York City Police, seeing many of the social and environmental problems of the City.

In May 1981, he was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Essex, first taking responsibility for personnel and training, and later for administration and finance.

He took a lead role in dealing with the media in 1982 when a Tanzanian aircraft was hijacked to Stansted, the first time a hijacking had taken place in a British airport.

In 1984, Mr Simpson attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London for a year, as one of only two police representatives on the course. The 72 course members were drawn from 21 countries

worldwide.

During this time he travelled extensively around the USA and Canada, as well as visiting the British Army of the Rhine. This gave him the opportunity to revisit his old RMP company in Berlin, and see the Berlin Wall for the first time.

Pressure

He returned to Essex to take charge of all operational matters. He describes the most stressful time as the Bamber inquiry, when for more than a week the media pressure was incessant, and the investigation went through several complex stages.

He conducted several high profile investigations in other force areas, the most notable being the investigation into the death of Cynthia Jarrett, following a police drugs search. Mrs Jarrett's death sparked the Tottenham riots, resulting in the vicious killing of Pc. Keith Blakelock.

For four months, Mr Simpson was involved in a highly-charged and politically-sensitive investigation. During this time he became one of the first officers to be supervised by the newly-formed Police Complaints Authority.

In October 1986, Mr Simpson was appointed Deputy Chief Constable of Essex

following the retirement of Ron Stone. He was involved, again fronting the media, after the IRA bombing of a Colchester-based soldier in 1989.

He was awarded the OBE in the New Years Honours in 1990. For 15 weeks in 1991 he was seconded to Bramshill as co-director of a new course for Chief Police Officers.

Democracy

More recently, he has visited the former communist countries of Albania and Romania on behalf of the Foreign Office and the United Nations to assist the development of democracy and human rights.

The Foreign Office has asked Mr Simpson to continue assisting the Albanians after his retirement, and he anticipates a return to the country before the end of the year to help them develop Forensic Science skills.

After his retirement, Mr Simpson plans to maintain his involvement with the Essex Police Choir, Musical Society and Museum, the Institute of Management and the Royal Military Police Association — as well as looking forward to some free time.

£s before policing

concerned for the future with regard to proper funding and adequate resources for police forces.

He believed Essex Police was more than holding its own in the battle against rising crime, in terms of the quality of work and productivity of both police and civilian staff.

But he stressed that when this issue is addressed, the Criminal Justice system as a whole should be looked at. While he was encouraged by many sensible recommendations of the Royal Commission, there were still some major issues to be tackled.

"It is too easy to place the blame for any faults at the door of police officers," he

said.

The major areas of concern for the future, he said, were acts of terrorism and drugs, particularly with criminals now able to move much more freely throughout the European community.

Liaison

"We have to form much closer relationships with European police forces," Mr Simpson stressed, adding that much benefit could be gained from closer liaison.

However he said, "Sometimes we fail to see how far we have moved. In nearly 35 years I have seen some tremendous changes. I saw and was part of

everybody's image of how the police were in the Dixon of Dock Green era.

"The police service has moved a long way in changing how it operates to match the demands society makes on it. That's the way it should be.

"We have already changed in many ways, especially in terms of management style. These changes were coming about in spite of Sheehy. In Essex it has been a deliberate and evolutionary change, not a revolution," he stressed.

"I'm confident the changes we have made have been done in the best interests of the service and the community, and are likely to endure. I expect history will show them to have been sensibly made."



● **CLASS OF '62:** Pc. Peter Simpson (middle row, second from right) becomes the first Hertfordshire officer to take up a place on the Essex Police Road Traffic Law course.

Sporting gesture

SPORT S equipment, which is surplus to requirements at the Essex Police Training Centre, is being offered out to other divisions. The equipment is as follows:

1 Bicep Curl bench
1 Latissimus dorsi Pull and Tricep pull machine
3 Standing Squat machines
1 Upright Row, Seated row and Bicep Curl machine
1 Training bench
The above are all Universal. There is also a Titan Latissimus Dorsi Pull, Leg Extension and Leg Curl machine-bench. If anyone can make use of this equipment contact Ian Steele on Ednet 2620.

Lifeboat appeal

EARLIER this year the National Police Lifeboat Appeal culminated in the Naming Ceremony performed by Her Majesty The Queen at Ramsgate.

The lifeboat 'Her Majesty The Queen' has now been introduced to the reserve fleet and will see service at RNLI Lifeboat Stations throughout the country. At the Naming Ceremony a parchment was presented to the Queen, a parchment gifting the name of the lifeboat to mark the 40th anniversary of Her Accession.

Bearing the crests of the Police Staff Associations in the United Kingdom, full colour copies of the parchment are now available.

It will be necessary to make a charge of £10 per parchment. This will include postage and packaging as well as a programme for the Naming Ceremony and a colour photo of the Lifeboat. Any monies received in excess of the costs incurred will be donated to RNLI funds.

Exchanging experience

THE plan for two officers from the Grays division to exchange places with constables from the Met's Romford station has been postponed. Pc Gary Dean and Dave Friend will now change places on November 1. The idea is to swap knowledge and experience to enable officers working on the county's borders to work better with other forces.

Sorry for having a sense of humour

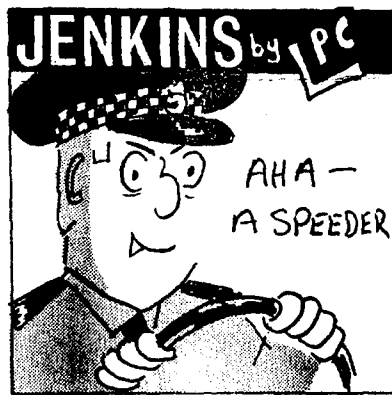
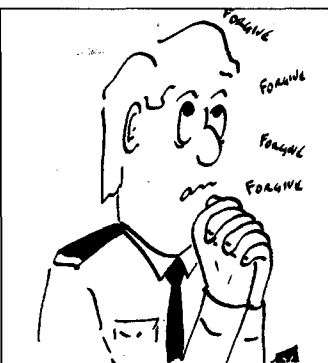
THEY say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so naturally I was delighted with CID's "WOODY" cartoon strip, printed in retaliation for one of my recent JENKINS cartoons.

Perhaps I should point that the offending cartoon is just one of over 60 that poke fun at all branches of the service, (including the uniformed beat bobbies) and readers likely to be offended should beware... The Law has acquired them all!

I cannot believe that anyone in or out of the job could possibly believe that the cartoons are meant to be taken seriously or are an indictment of the service.

We are lucky that as a nation, we are renowned for our ability to laugh at ourselves. We should all try it sometimes!

In the meantime, allow me to humbly apologise to all CID officers whose pride, sensitivity, self respect and professional integrity must have been so irreparably damaged by poor old Jenkins. — PC



And they're off

SPARE a thought and some cash to a group of Essex officers who set off on Saturday to paddle the longest distance from North to South in the Canals 200 charity event.

Wpc Di Wood, Pc Pete Gerard, Pc Martin Edwards and Dc Adrian Sharp have joined civilians Douglas Parsons and Kevin Dann to tackle a gruelling 326 miles in two-man canoes.

The endurance test began in Yorkshire and will end on Wednesday, September 29, at Camden Lock.

Proceeds from the event will go towards life-saving treatment for leukaemia victims, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust and St Luke's Hospice in Basildon.

They hope to double the cash raised in a trip down the Thames last year which totalled over £10,000.

Ex officer attacked — man jailed

A MAN has been jailed for nine months after attacking former Essex superintendent Trevor Naylor in British Guyana.

Mr Naylor (53) was with colleague Bill Hoodless (53) a former Superintendent from Lincoln, when they were attacked as they walked back to their hotel in the capital. The pair were on a five week course for trainers.

Mr Naylor was pushed to the floor as a man tried to grab his wallet from his back pocket.

Mr Hoodless chased the man into an alley in the dangerous Tiger Bay area, where he slipped in a tussle with the 31-year-old assailant, who produced a nine inch bladed knife.

The man slashed Mr Hoodless's hand, causing a wound which needed five stitches, and then ran off.

The two former police officers, normally based in Jamaica, gave evidence before a magistrate in Georgetown earlier this month.

Mr Naylor said: "It was quite an unusual experience, with just one magistrate on the bench."

"The man was known locally as Goat and ended up being convicted of attempting to rob me and wounding Bill."

Mr Naylor said that he called out the island police chief from a local restaurant where he knew he was dining. Two locals said they knew "Goat" was responsible and he was arrested a few days later.

"There were headlines in the paper saying *Goat Attacks British Police Advisers*," said Mr Naylor.

The assailant — real name Cecil Samuels — claimed in court that he had been beaten up by local police and was in pain.

The magistrate told him that whatever the problem the case would be completed that day.

● A printed sign behind the magistrate in the courtroom said "It is always the best policy to tell the truth, unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar."

Thurrock joins the fight against drugs

ACC Jim Conlan braved a rainy Sunday in August to declare Thurrock a Drug Free Zone.

Releasing hundreds of blue balloons at the annual Tilbury Three Nines Fayre, Mr Conlan gave his backing to a combined initiative by Thurrock Police and the Thurrock Gazette.

The general aim of the campaign is to make it 'uncool' to take drugs.

The Gazette said in a front page article: "Like many urban areas of Britain, Thurrock already has a sizeable problem and experts claim that as many as one teenager in seven is taking drugs or has dabbled with drugs."

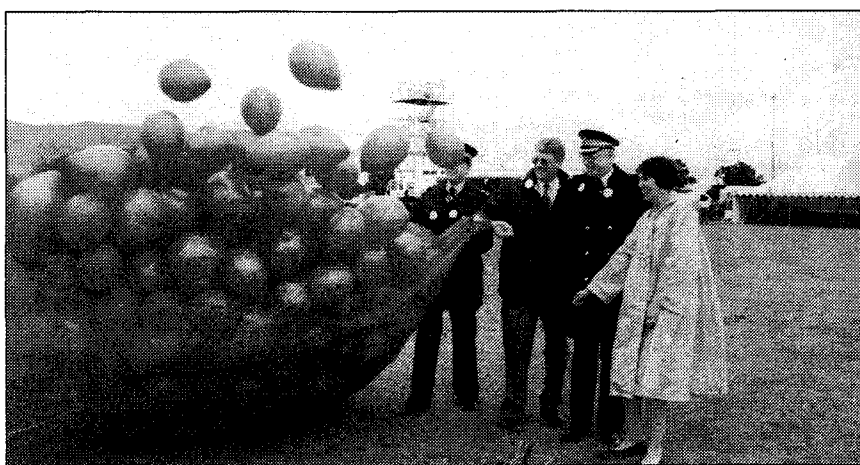
It is essential that the community unites to defend the borough from a creeping peril that could wreck countless young lives."

This is being achieved by a publicity campaign in the Thurrock Gazette and a poster and pamphlet distribution at local events and within school and clubs.

Local sponsorship has also been sought with various companies coming forward with financial assistance.

The organisers consist of Moira Stanbury (editor of the Gazette), Mick Palfrey (news editor), Councillor Gerard Rice (Chairman of the Police Authority) and Sgt Tony Payne (Grays Community Policing team), along with frequent input from Insp Dave Perry (Drugs Education Officer) and various members of the Gazette staff.

The campaign is already drawing a favourable response from the public. If anyone wants further information on the campaign or future events contact Mick Palfrey at the Gazette on 0375 372293 or Sgt Tony Payne at Grays Police on 0375 391212 ext 5105.



● Releasing the balloons at the annual Tilbury Three Nines Fayre.

A chance to revive old memories

THE annual luncheon of the Essex Police Comrades Association takes place on Friday, October 15.

Diners will take their seats at 1pm and the bar will be open from 12 noon so that memories can be revived.

Tickets, priced £9,

along with further details are available from Bob Needham or David Jones on 0245 491491 ext 2799.

● Do you remember Ben Snowsill?

Ben joined Essex County Constabulary in 1931 and now, at 83, he has a wealth of tales to exchange on policing

experience.

If you do remember him and would like to drop in on him for a chat, he will be pleased to see some familiar faces.

Ben lives in the Billericay area and full details of his address can be obtained from Bob Needham.

Help is at hand

THE Essex Police Volunteer Support Network is now at the stage where it is ready to offer its services.

The network exists to provide a reservoir of volunteers who will befriend colleagues in times of personal crisis.

Although all volunteers have had some basic training, they do not regard themselves as counsellors, but friends.

The progression of the network has benefited from the involvement of DCC Peter Simpson, Senior Welfare Officer Janette Poston and J.B.B. Chairman Bob Needham.

The group will work with the help of Tony (0279 454984) and Sue (0787 477874).

They will determine from the caller how they can help and then select an appropriate volunteer.

In reality the group comprises 13 volunteers so a 24-hour service is not possible.

If you feel that you are affected by a temporary crisis and believe that a listening ear of a trusting friend would help, give Tony or Sue a call.

CAN YOU RELATE TO A CRISIS

ATTENDING to domestic disputes can be a difficult aspect of a police constable's work. It may be possible to stop the row but there is no guarantee it won't break out again the minute you've gone and, short of the partners being permanently separated, no guarantee it won't reoccur in the future. Have you thought about mentioning Relate?

Relate, the Marriage Guidance Service, has a Walk-In service" operating every Wednesday evening at Witham Health Centre, Mayland Road, Witham.

No appointment is necessary, any adult can just turn up but it is better to arrive nearer to 6.30pm as only six one-hour sessions are available.

The service is for anyone with a relationship crisis — violence, discovering an affair, redundancy, retirement, career moves, access rows etc.

When there are already family problems, holidays sometimes add to the stress. Counsellors are able to offer ways of coping to reduce the pressure and help couples manage but if one partner can't or won't go, the other can go along. Relate do ask for a donation.

For longer term counselling phone Chelmsford 0245 258680, a first appointment will be within two weeks.

Leaflets about Relate's services can be obtained from Jenny Grinter in the Press Office on Ednet 2454, or by phoning the number above.

Essex fingerprints experts travel to USA to computerise 105,000 records

ON YOUR MARKS FOR AFR

MUM'S THE WORD



● POLICE mums and their children joined career development officer Insp Chris Bainbridge (left) at Headquarters to hand over the £500 prize cheque to the Cambridge-based Children's Hospice for the Eastern Region. Financial accountant Mrs Edith Slade is pictured presenting the cheque to Chris Collins from the hospice.

AN INNOVATIVE scheme to help Essex Police mums combine babies with the beat has now brought good news to the Children's Hospice for the Eastern Region, based at Milton, near Cambridge.

The award winning Essex Police Maternity Network was set up in the summer of 1992 to give much needed support to women officers and support staff during pregnancy, maternity leave and on their return to work.

In July the scheme won high praise from the Home Office as Essex Police became the first police force in the country to win a Home Office award for Equal Opportunity achievement in the Police Service.

At an award ceremony in

London, career development officer, Chris Bainbridge was presented with a trophy, a certificate and £500.

"We were not quite sure what to do with the money, but we decided that since the award was to help mums and their children, it would be a great idea to donate the money to the children's hospice, which looks after children from all over Essex," said Insp Bainbridge.

Police mums and their

children joined Insp Bainbridge at Headquarters to present the £500 cheque to Mr Chris Collins from the hospice.

Insp Bainbridge revealed high hopes that by next year the Home Office would allow part-time work in the police force, a scheme which would particularly help police mums to return to work.

Six forces are currently trialling part-time working, but the Essex Police Maternity Network is working to ensure that Essex will be ready to introduce it once the Home Office gives the go-ahead.

by
Jenny Grinter

THREE fingerprint experts from Essex Police travelled to America this week to oversee the computerisation of more than a million individual fingerprints held by the Force.

Essex is one of nearly 40 police forces in England and Wales which have joined the multi-million pound AFR (Automatic Fingerprint Recognition) consortium, to provide a computerised Fingerprint search system.

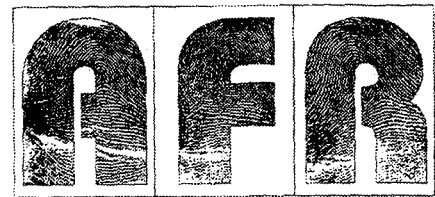
In Essex, the scheme is due to go live in December, and senior fingerprint officer Bob Stanley said it should provide the Force with a quicker and more efficient service. "It will be able to search more marks covering a greater geographical area, and it will also be able to search fragments of a fingerprint," he said.

Bob and his colleagues



● Bob Stanley, Dave Stubbs and Norman Pease have jetted off to the States to oversee the AFR programme.

THE



CONSORTIUM

Norman Pease and Dave Stubbs travelled to Tacoma in Washington State on September 20 to spend a month checking and quality assuring the process of entering all the Force's records onto computer disk.

Sent ahead was a mountain of boxes containing copies of the entire Essex Police fingerprint collection, a total of 105,000 fingerprint forms, each to be individually classified.

The daunting task is being carried out by computer experts from North American Morpho Systems Incorporated who work a 24-hour shift system.

Before the department can go live on AFR, every

fingerprint officer will require a two-week training course. This will take place in Preston, throughout the month of November.

Although the system will be able to search the countywide database of fingerprints to provide the 30 most likely matches, the skills and experience of the fingerprint experts will still need to make the positive identification and prepare the evidence for court.

It will also be possible, with the correct authority, to search the databases of other forces which form part of the AFR consortium.

The new system searches using individual characteristics of a fingerprint, rather than the pattern of the whole print, which explains why it may be possible to obtain an identification from a fragment of a print left at a crime scene.

With the database, a search which could have taken several days manually, and only looked at records for a particular police division, can be carried out against the countywide record in a few minutes.

Essex Police fingerprint experts made more than 2,000 positive identifications last year. With AFR, they hope to achieve an increase.

SHOP AROUND TO BEAT CRIME

SECURITY conscious shoppers have been flocking to Essex's first Crime Prevention shop which opened in Grays this month.

The shop, which provided a novel approach to promoting crime prevention, attracted nearly 1,000 visitors in its first three days.

Delighted Tilbury Crime Prevention Officer Pc Paul Clancy said, "It was very much a case of testing the water, but we have been amazed at the need for advice and equipment."

The shop was manned

by police Crime Prevention Officers and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, and a wide range of security equipment was available for sale.

Pc Clancy said personal attack alarms and security marker pens were particularly popular, but customers were also interested in door chains and car security devices. Much of their interest was in what was the best equipment at

the right price to protect them and their property.

The shop was open three days a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for a two-week trial period in North Mall, Grays Precinct.

But the scheme proved so popular that Thurrock sub-division hopes to repeat the exercise with a shop in a new location. Brentwood and Harlow officers are also interested, as well as police committee members from Barking who visited the shop.

Honour for service during Malta siege

FORMER Essex constable Frederick Cooper has been awarded a commemorative medal to mark his service in the RAF during the siege of Malta.

Mr Cooper, 72, has received "The Malta George Cross Fiftieth Anniversary Medal" for his service on Malta during 1941 and 42. During the siege, he and his colleagues faced continuous bombing and virtually starved, surviving on a daily ration of a piece of bread.

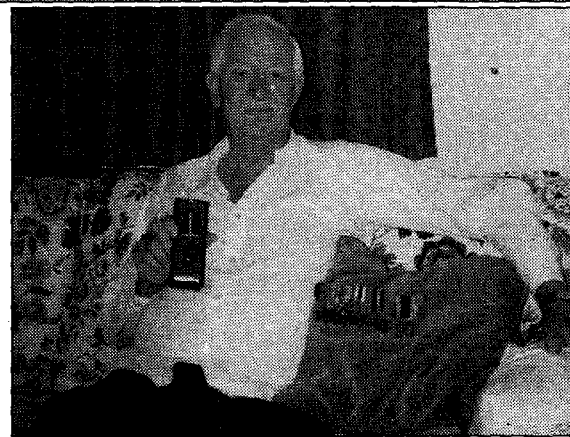
He said five Royal Navy ships were sunk attempting to bring food to the troops, before eventually two fast minesweepers got through with fresh supplies.

Mr Cooper served as an

NCO with 23 Squadron, responsible for the testing and maintenance of the Mosquito fighter bomber engines.

In a recent letter from the office of the Prime Minister of Malta, he was informed that the President had approved the award of the National Commemorative Medal. Although he was unable to attend the presentation by Malta's High Commissioner in London, he has received his medal through the post.

Following five-and-a-half years in the RAF, Mr



● Frederick Cooper with his Malta George Cross Fiftieth Anniversary Medal.

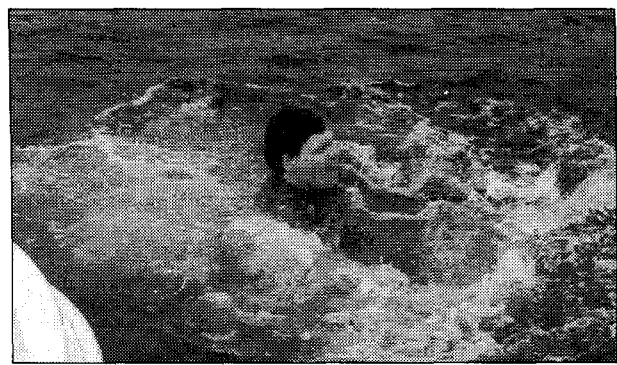
Cooper joined the Essex Constabulary, and served at Chelmsford, Maldon, Southminster, Epping,

Thaxted and Dunmow. He retired in 1972, after 28 years' service, and now lives in Danbury.

MID-ESSEX BRANCH
Fred Dyson

Fred Dyson

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Mr Mead, who joined the Force in 1947, was also stationed at Grays, Tilbury, Coggeshall and Canvey during his 26 years' service. He died on August 20.

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OBITUARIES

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

Marathon magic

THE final episode of the 1993 Nutrasweet Marathon was enacted at Southend Police station bar last month when Mr Alan Lamont, a consultant at the Southend Cancer Unit, was presented with a cheque for the fabulous amount of £5,400 from the Essex Police Marathon team.

Tony takes the points

THE 1993 season has again seen a full calendar of golfing activities, the most important highlight being the Croker Cup

The competition was held at Theydon Bois on September 7 and was won by Central Division, clear winners from South West and South East.

The individual winner was the consistent Tony Kitching with 39 points - an excellent score on a difficult course.

The 'Taff Jones' team trophy and the 'Matt Comrie' individual cup were presented by Chris Jacob, Force Sports Secretary.

The competition in 1994 is to be hosted by South Division.

The sum was raised by the team as a result of their efforts in April's event, and who better to present the cheque on their behalf than the Marathon winner Basildon's own Eamonn Martin.

The final amount was made up by donations from all corners of the Force area, and apart from the monies raised by the team, special mention must be made to those other runners who also made splendid contributions including Chief Superintendent Mike Benning (Southend), Ian Rayner (Chelmsford), Bill Clark (Headquarters FSU) and Mick Green (Laindon Traffic).

A special thanks must also go to our special guest Eamonn Martin who gave his time to help 'sell' our efforts

by presenting the cheque.

Eamonn unfortunately had to withdraw from the Great Britain team in the European Championships held recently in Stuttgart, due to injury, but we wish him well in his recovery, and especially his preparation for the defence of his London Marathon title next year.

Thanks also to John Guy, of the Evening Echo, whose efforts on behalf of the team, on the publicity side as well as the 26.2 miles of hard graft, was invaluable.

1994 now looms and our initial preparations for next year's event have started to take shape. Watch out for an announcement regarding the team and charity in the next edition of The Law.



● Eamonn Martin is pictured presenting the cheque to Mr Lamont along with members of the team, John Guy, Louise Rampling, Mo Brazier, Alan Barley and Mike Benning.

Sticks across the border

Hockey section sample Scottish hospitality

ON Monday, August 9, Essex Police mixed hockey team travelled to Edinburgh to compete in the Lothian and Borders Mixed National Tournament, writes *Geordie Tyson*.

Things didn't look good when three replacements had to be found at short notice. However, the places were filled by Craig Shipton, Nicola Parker and Diane Taylor and I would like to thank them on behalf of the hockey sections.

The long journey was rewarded by some of the warmest hospitality the majority of the team have experienced, from the hosts Lothian and Borders Police, not least of which was a trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo.

Tuesday, August 10 saw the start of the tournament and after losing the first game to our hosts 1-0, some tremendous effort from the whole team resulted in two goal less draws and two wins from the remaining games to see Essex finish joint second

at the end of the first day.

The hospitality in the evening included a special performance of The Time Warp Dance by Mary Hopkins and after several practices even Di (The Whip) could manage it.

Wednesday started with a grudge match against East London (Met Police) which ended in a draw. I must point out that press officer Kim White (who plays for Met Pol) did not completely betray her force. She didn't play in this particular match.

Despite losing 2-0 to Cleveland, a performance that had to be seen to be believed, Essex held the eventual tournament winners, South Yorks, to a goal less draw, which gave Essex the unique honour of being the only team taking part not to be beaten by them.

With the team now in high spirits and suitably refreshed by Mike 'Bovril Man' Kliskey, the final game was a 3-0 win for Essex, which included a fine goal engineered by myself and finished

by Craig Shipton (Cheggers).

After the final count-up the top five teams had to be separated on goal difference and Essex finished in fifth place, a position which bore no reflection of the effort put in by the whole team. It was, however, rewarded with a trophy, which delighted Norman the train spotter because it had some numbers on it for him to write down.

The tournament ended with a formal dinner and disco at a five star hotel with a scenic view of the Firth of Forth.

Finally my personal thanks to Kay and Vic for their admin and to Gary F for pointing the wheels. On behalf of the team a thank you to all the supervisory officers who juggled the duties etc.

Team: Sam Anderson, Diane Taylor, Nicola Parker, Kay Blackman, Craig Shipton, Mike Kliskey, Vic Murphy, Gary Franklin, Mark Shaw, Geordie Tyson.

● In the Chelmsford summer hockey league Witham topped Division I with Harlow champions of Division II Essex finished third in Division I.



Croker cricket

THE final of the Croker Cup cricket was held at Essex County Cricket Ground on Saturday, September 11 when Central faced South East. Central came through to win the cup. DCC Peter Simpson presented the awards. Pictured are the Chelmsford team taken at an earlier Croker round against Harlow. L-R are J. Rhymes, D. Stock, R. Buckland, M. Lokim-Boyes, P. Nicholls, G. Morgan, I. Shead, E. Lawrence, J. Stonehouse, I. Smart, N. Cockrell.

ESSEX POLICE SQUASH TOURNAMENT

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Squash entries now welcome

ENTRIES are invited for the Force squash tournament which will be held on Tuesday, November 23, at Flights Leisure Centre in Aviation Way, Westcliff.

All contestants must be there by 10am and the event is expected to last until about 4pm, depending on numbers.

The tournament is open to all police and civilian staff. Everyone is guaranteed at least two games, as first round losers will automatically qualify for a plate competition.

A ladies competition will be arranged if sufficient numbers enter. Trophies will be presented to the winner and runner-up of each competition.

The entrance fee is £2. If you wish to enter, complete the attached form and forward it with £2 to Ps Nigel Cook, Westcliff Police Station. If you have any queries, contact Nigel on ext 6306.

When your application form is received, directions on how to get to Flights will be forwarded to you. Entry forms must reach Ps Cook by November 17.

Force lottery

THE result of the August lottery is as follows: £1,500 to Sgt John Watts of Chelmsford; £1,000 to Pc Julian Hallam of Colchester; £500 to Pc David Sharpe of Tilbury; £300 to Pc Graham Lumley of Thorpe Traffic; £200 to Pc Frank Holden of Colchester and £100 to Sgt Stuart Bowman at HQ.

The following will receive £50 consolation prizes:

Supt Robert Ward, Chelmsford; Beatrice Roberts, Southend; Eric Final, Harlow; Pc Peter Chadwick, Colchester, Pc Michael Aitchison, Tiptree; Sgt Edwin Clarke, HQ; Marina Farthing, Harlow; Pc James Bray, Tilbury, Pc Keith Dryland, Kelvedon; Acc Geoffrey Markham, HQ; Danny Reilly, retired and Barbara Steel, Southend.

British Police Epee Championships

The British Police Epee Championships will be held at the Metropolitan Police Training School on Saturday, November 20 at 9am.

This competition is open to all members of the Police Sports Association. The closing date for entries is Saturday, November 6. Any enquiries to Philip Jordan on 071 230 3447.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

CROKER CUP

CRICKET: Central beat South with two Croker Cup points to South. In the final between Central and South East, on Saturday, September 11, at the County Cricket Ground Central beat South East.

BADMINTON: The Croker Cup will be held at Clements Hall, Hockley at 10am on Wednesday, December 8. It will consist of the following events:

Men's singles, ladies singles, men's doubles, ladies doubles, mixed doubles and veteran men's doubles. A competitor can either enter the men's doubles or veteran doubles, not both events.

Divisions may enter up to a maximum of three teams, although Croker Cup points will only be awarded to the leading team per Division.

Entry fee will be £20 per team, cheques made payable to the Essex Police Sports Association. Closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 24. No entries will be accepted on the day. All entries to the Force Sports Secretary.

SQUASH: In the semi-final South East beat South 3-2 with 2 Croker Cup points to South.

BOWLS: In the semi-final South West beat North East with two Croker Cup points to North East. South West then went on to beat South East in the final.

GOLF: Central won the tournament at Theydon Bois on September 7.

The following Croker Cup games have to be played before October 1:

Billiards — North East v South East and South v HQ.

Darts — HQ v South or North East and Central v South East.

Snooker — South East v North East and Central v South.

Squash — North East v North West.

Table tennis — Central v HQ and North West v North East.

The Croker Cup swimming gala will be held at Basildon at 6pm on Sunday, October 17, pistol shooting to be arranged by Insp Dave Perry at HQ, sea angling to be arranged by Pc Clive Skingley at Rayleigh, tennis to be arranged by Sgt Stuart Bowman at HQ and fresh water angling to be arranged by Pc Robert Hunter at Chelmsford Traffic.

Croker Cup football final between South and South West must be played before December 3.

Sports and Leisure Shop

THE Sports and Leisure Shop has recently negotiated with Farah to sell their trousers and leisure wear. These will be available to members, together with Rael Brook shirts, at the same discounted rates as the sports equipment.

It has also negotiated a deal to sell Peugeot and Gitanes bikes.

Due to a large number of members forgetting to pay for their items from the shop, with immediate effect interest of 5 per cent per month will be added on all orders not paid for within 28 days.

You can, however, now pay by Barclaycard, Visa, Mastercard and Eurocard.

Snooker and Billiard Championships

THE Force Snooker and Billiard Championships will take place at the Shoebury Snooker and Health Club on Tuesday, November 16 at 10.30am.

The winners of both events will represent the Force at the No5 Region PAA Championships (if they are held).

These events are only open to serving police officers. The snooker and billiards will be two separate events and you can only compete in one. Any queries to either Sgt Richard Matthews at Rayleigh (Ednet 6693) or the Force sports secretary.

Grease trip

ESSEX Police Sports Association is able to offer a trip to the Dominion Theatre on Wednesday, February 16 to see the new hit musical *Grease* starring Craig McLaughlin and Debbie Gibson.

A discount has been arranged on the mid-priced tickets that means we can offer theatre seats and a coach from HQ for the inclusive price of £16.50.

Tickets must be confirmed by telephone to Burnham (0621 782121) or Iris terminal 89 for the attention of Ps Peter Layzell or SOA Carol Wilkins before September 23.

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

Ahoy there...

By
Richard
Houghton

A TEAM of police officers this year entered the gruelling Fastnet Yacht Race, a bi-annual event which starts at the end of Cowes week on the Isle of Wight.

The route then takes them via Land's End to Fastnet Rock, just south of Cork, and then back to Plymouth leaving the Scillies to port — a non-stop 610 miles as the crow flies.

The 1993 team, myself, Richard Houghton (Training School), John Fuller (CDU), Gavin King (Grays), Adrian Bunting and Gavin Freeman (Southend), Mick Johnson (Tilbury) and Paul Purkiss (Harlow), entered in a 345 36ft sloop called Seaway Challenge.

Our enthusiasm to lighten the boat went overboard when we later discovered that removing the toilet door did nothing for privacy in those moving moments, or for the off-watch crew trying to sleep.

At 7am on Saturday, August 7, we ventured forth to the Yellow Welly cafe for a full blown high cholesterol fry up.

10.30am saw us leave Shamrock Quay in a blaze of glory and much cheering from the shore (actually two children waving to their dad on the next yacht).

Not to be deterred we gently motored to the start line. Half an hour later saw us charging towards Cowes at full speed like demented lunatics in order to buy two new winch handles to replace our other two new winch handles which had sheared on first use. £100 lighter we again made our way to the start line.

The start line is roughly half a mile long and forgetting the 250 participating yachts there are a further 100+ hovering

around, known as the spectator fleet.

All in all the line resembles a supermarket car park with every car shunting at the same time, but when the cannon fired we were there.

We avoided all collisions and tacked towards the Needles, sometimes skimming in front of competitors by six feet.

The wind increased and we reduced sail, while some struggled on over-pressed and paid the price by the loss of their mast and an inevitable early retirement.

The wind increased to a mean 25 knots and a nasty Solent chop built up around the entrance. However, we popped out into the English Channel and settled down to sailing fast.

One of the crew started to cook a meal but gave up due to illness. A second member took over and was also sick, but carried on cooking which caused an element of caution when eating the chicken in brown sauce and boiled rice.

From there on in the barometer plummeted, the air temperature dropped as the wind increased, which heralded the start of a series of troughs which rolled England giving us strong to gale force winds on the nose for the next 400 miles.

Hour after hour we smashed through waves which varied from 15ft at Land's End to 35ft at Fastnet Rock.

We had no hot food for two days because it was too dangerous to cook and the motion of the yacht was so violent that it became exhausting merely to take off your waterproofs and

the crew ended up not bothering.

Solid water rolled across the deck with regular monotony and wind borne sea spray stung our eyes and crystallised our hair.

We were unable to see the rogue waves during the coal black nights until one exploded against the hull showering us with water.

Four hours on, four hours off, with occasional respites in the weather which allowed us to stuff our faces.

We plugged on and on tacking on the windshafts towards our destination and eventually in low visibility the towering Fastnet Rock emerged from the mist.

We beat our way around the lighthouse up and down the steep waves and having reported in to race control we turned our stern and rocketed off

towards the Scillies surfing down waves at 12+ knots.

Exhilarating sailing, hot food and drink and some well needed sleep gave us a boost and we started to calculate our finishing time.

Sure enough someone upstairs heard us and just north of the Scillies we were becalmed. We sat in a patch of water occupying ourselves by talking to other yachts by radio.

For the rest of the day and half the night we wallowed until the early hours brought wind and once again we were on our way.

We made excellent time to Plymouth making a bet on route with an RAF yacht which started as a pint for the first one in but, once I realised we were winning, upped to a gallon per person.

We arrived at Plymouth Sound about midnight on

Thursday, August 12, and promptly sat for another six hours becalmed and in sight of the finish line, sleep, showers, beer, clean clothes and a big fry up.

This period of time was the most frustrating of the whole venture.

Dawn brought a six knot breeze which lasted long enough for us to squeeze past the line placed 64 of 89 contenders in our class.

The following lunchtime we made our way to Shamrock Quay where we rebuilt the yacht.

We covered 955 miles in total and ate mainly army style rations with two pints of water per man, per day. We were at sea for six days and experienced fear, exhilaration, elation, disappointment, frustration, cold, hunger and warmth.

We saw dolphins playing in

the waves and spectacular sun rises and sets unaffected by land pollution, clear starlit nights and meteoric shower.

As for our next exploit, I am currently looking at the prospect of entering a Police team into the 2,000 mile around Britain and Ireland yacht race scheduled to take place in August 1994.

If you're interested and fit enough to pass the police fitness test and not daunted by the thought of sitting up on the fore deck hooked on, up to your waist in water in a screaming banshee in the dead of night trying to claw down a wet flogging sail, then you might be OK.

Contact me, Richard Houghton at the training school or speak to one of the crew. The only thing I can guarantee is you will learn a great deal about yourself and make lifelong friends.

...Essex sail home ahead of the RAF

Sam's sprint for gold

Sixteen years of RUC domination was ended by the Essex ladies 4 x 100 metres relay squad in the National PAA Track and Field Championships at Cwmbran Stadium, Gwent on July 20.

The Essex girls totally destroyed the opposition with a record time of 53 secs, one and a half seconds ahead of the RUC team, with Notts

taking the bronze award.

Tanya Payton (Grays) consolidated the first leg before handing over to double sprint champion Samantha Barr (Pitsea) whose 100 metres burst, did most of the damage.

Samantha handed over to Sue Tyler (Chelmsford) who in turn consolidated the lead and set up ladies captain Sue Harries (Westcliff) for the

final leg, to bring the gold award to Essex.

A fitting finale to a superb all round Essex performance.

The star of the show being Samantha Barr who overcame controversy and adversity to win the 100 metres Blue Ribband event in 12.1 seconds, equally the National record set as far back as 1974.

She then chalked up the sprint double with an equally impressive run in the 200 metre event (25.3 seconds). All this before providing the springboard for the 4 X 100 metres victory.

Collision

The day started well with another newcomer Damon Bainbridge (Southend), taking the silver award in the specialist 110 metres hurdles event (15.4 seconds).

Damon will look back a little ruefully on a collision with the second last hurdle, which probably cost him the gold award.

The ladies captain Sue Harries, despite carrying a niggling knee ligament injury, jumped an impressive 5.24 metres to take the silver award in the ladies long jump, and Tanya Payton followed up her silver award in last year's ladies javelin event, to take the

bronze this year.

She will be a little disappointed with her throw of 34.08 metres, but once again injury has hampered her preparation for the championships.

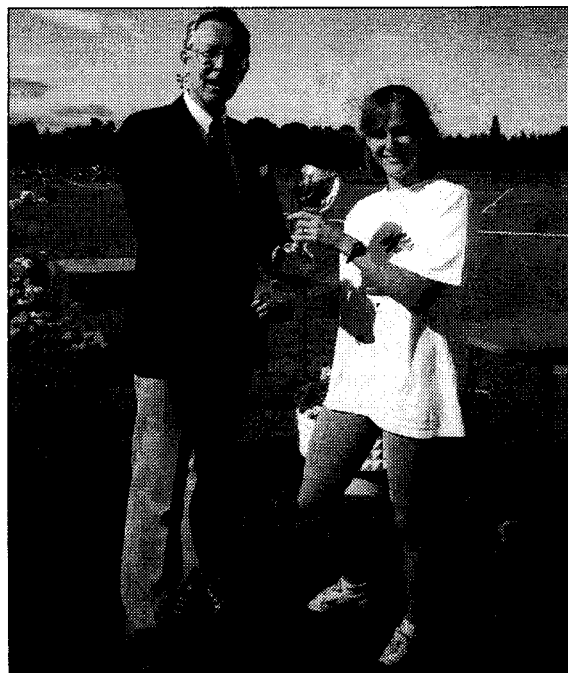
Andy Dalglish (Southend) finished in 5th place in the mens long jump and 6th in the high jump competition, which also featured Simon Halford (Chelmsford) 9th place.

Both found themselves amid strong competition, and should not be disappointed with their performances.

Total commitment from the whole squad was realised by our first National team title, and yet another individual champion in Samantha Barr.

All this following on from the team's Regional Championships victory puts Essex firmly on top Division of inter force athletics.

Thanks to everyone for the commitment displayed throughout the season, and we now look forward to 1994, which should read as follows: Divisional Championships - Grays (Thurrock Stadium); Regional Championships - Essex (Thurrock Stadium); National Championships - Hampshire (Mountbatten Stadium).



● SAMANTHA BARR receives her trophy from City Police Assistant Commissioner Colin Coxall.

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Victory in MDP clash

THE Essex Police Football Club has opened its new and hopeful season.

With a fairly good turnout on all three days of pre-season training, Essex Police were invited to take part in an MDP six-a-side football competition held at Wethersfield MDP.

With only six teams able to attend, the competition on the field was not as difficult as previously known.

Nevertheless there were some fine and hearty performances throughout the day.

With the weather making it a hot day for running about, Essex finished top of the league and were through to the semi-finals.

Although only drawing 1-1 with one team in the league, revenge was sweet with Essex running out 4-0 winners in the semi-final to meet MDP Carlisle in the final.

With the support stacked against them Essex Police showed good football skills and composure to run out overall winners beating Carlisle 2-0 in the final.

Good performances were put in all day by Mike Hammond, Andy Joseph, Steve Shoesmith, Glynn Evans (all of Chelmsford) Phil Smith and Gerald Stopher (HQ FSU) and Daryl Heffer of Stansted Airport.

Great support was given by manager Dave Murthwaite, Chris Dicks, Mr Evans, Greg Murthwaite and Vincent Mars.

The real work on the pitch started on August 31 at Paradise Road, Writtle when Essex beat Writtle 1-0. Daryl Heffer was the scorer.

Orienteering challenge

THE British Police Orienteering Championships will take place on Monday, October 11, in the Forest of Dean.

There will be four courses available - open championship, veteran, women and novice - and there will be a team championship using the combined times of the best three finishers in each force.

Entry forms and further details may be obtained from Peter Guillaume, 1 Forge Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2HR. He can be contacted on 0926 511590 (home), 0926 415000 ext 3302 (work), 0926 415751 (fax).



● NATIONAL PAA Track and Field championships team: L-R: Laurie Rampling, Andy Dalglish, Damon Bainbridge, Simon Halford, Barry Deymond, Tanya Payton, Sue Harries, Sue Tyler and Samantha Barr.

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