THE SHAPE of Essex Police for the 21st Century has been brought into focus for the management of the new structure of the service.

The new structure sees the number of senior police managers reduced by a quarter to 76. While the cost of setting up the new force will be nearly £500,000, it is expected that savings will be available within two years. Start-up costs will be met from within existing budgets.

The reduction in management costs should present the Force with opportunities to put more officers on the beat, to buy new equipment or to employ new civilian staff.

When the 19 new territorial divisions go live on April 1, a layer of management will have been removed. The aim is to achieve a more effective, more self-sufficient unit, able to concentrate on providing a service to the local community.

Every police management post in the new divisional structure has been worked out, and every officer, including the new Chief Superintendent to Inspector, has been allocated to his new division.

The new shape of Headquarters-based operational divisions has also been worked out, and in the next stage of the project other HQ departments will be scrutinised.

For the latest news on the restructuring, look out for a special feature in next month’s edition of The Law, and a short video from the TV Unit.

TRIBUTE was paid last month to a man who served a remarkable career within Essex Police.

James Devlin was second in command of the old county borough force, acting as Deputy Chief Constable towards the end of his long service. Joining in 1941 as a beat bobby in the town where he was to serve his entire career, ‘Jimmy’ rose through the ranks qualifying as a legal expert.

Mr James Devlin.

Chief Constable, Nepew Barry was later to become a superintendent. In 1961 ‘Jimmy’ wrote the book Police Charges, which he later awarded Det Supt Hargreaves and the book was to become the bible of station sergeants across the country.

“I was familiar with it when | was stationed in Hertfordshire before Southend. It was the definitive work in procedure for dealing with and charging prisoners.”

Mr Devlin, who was 72, lived in Westcliff.

BRENTWOOD was declared a safer place to live this month when Lawrence Mullins was convicted of the brutal murder of Barry Bradford. And no one could have happier with the result than Det Supt Malcolm Hargreaves who led the investigation.

Mullins carried out his evil act in the grounds of Highwood Hospital, last March, stabbing Barry several times in the throat and chest, stamping on his head and leaving him stripped from the waist down.

In one of the most bizarre murder scenes ever witnessed by Essex Police, Mullins threw mud over the face of his victim and placed a single daffodil either side of his head.

The team who were to lead the inquiry had nothing to go on, no suspects and no clues.

Said Mr Hargreaves: “The evidence unfolded like a classic detective story. We quickly identified a suspect but had no evidence.”

But the evidence swiftly followed.

A refuse collector who recalled seeing a carrier bag containing a shoe box and trainers, led the FSU team to the murder victim’s footwear.

When DC Phil Norton, from Grays, went to search Mullins’ flat, police discovered that the suspect had been driving double-decker buses.

A daffodil was recovered from the flat, and a blood-stained letter was later found to match that of Barry Bradford.

Mullins was found to be the daughter of Barry’s girlfriend. He had apparently picked it for her while they were out the day after the murder.

When Mullins was interviewed, he admitted to his daughter that he had washed and burned the letters before discarding them, and showed no interest in the boy’s widened eyes.

A daffodil was recovered from the flat Mullins shared with his girlfriend. He had apparently picked it for her while they were out the day after the murder.

bench workers bite back see page 9

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New structure sees reduction in managers

In memory of ‘Jimmy’

The downfall of an ‘evil’ man

By Kim White

CONVICTED: Lawrence Mullins.

Mr Devlin.

The Law invites you to enter our special “PICK A PUPPY” competition to choose names for six of the lively litter. For further details turn to the centre pages.

MEET Essex Police’s youngest, newest and naughtiest recruit. This cute fellow and his nine brothers and sisters were born to police dog Carla eight weeks ago.

DETECTIVE WOOF

Carla’s bundle of joy

Appreciate the job.

“I had an excellent team. There were no slackers and everyone put in an awful lot of work.”

Even so, the jury took five-and-a-half hours to find Mullins guilty of murder.

Some members broke down in tears when they discovered that Mullins had previously left a 16-year-old girl fighting for her life after a similar attack in which he physically pipped teeth from her mouth.

The girl never recovered enough to give a statement. On sentencing Mullins, Lord McPherson said: “You are plainly an extremely dangerous man. I recommend to the Home Secretary that you are imprisoned for many many years.”

He later awarded Det Supt Hargreaves and DCI Wally Whishall a commendation to accept on behalf of the detective team.

Speaking after the trial Det Supt Hargreaves said: “I just hope that after reorganisation Essex Police retain the corporate approach to major crime that made this investigation such a success.”
OVER the past few weeks, I have had many members from members concerned about the new 7.00am start time to the Force working day.

At the Last Joint Branch Meeting, several delegates were present and there was a full discussion and it was agreed that, because of the concern from the membership, I, as Joint Branch Secretary, should survey all the Force with regard to whether they would have to work an hour back to 6.00am. It was also agreed that, to give the present system a fair test, we would wait a complete two months, giving two full shift cycles, before the survey is carried out.

Therefore, the survey will be conducted on March 17. Each Officer will be receiving, through the internal mail, a questionnaire in complete and return them back to myself in the Force office.

I would ask that you take care in completing this questionnaire so that the information can be properly evaluated so that the Force will be able to make a decision.

The reason for this, as you will be aware, is that there will be shift changes in most areas on April 1 and you would like your colleagues to have their say and work a concerted effort towards the new working day.

There will be a full survey of the Force carried out by the measurement teams in October, after the new shifts have been running for a further two months and this will cover the working day and also the new times. When the survey is carried out at this time is only with regard to the new working day.

We have raised the matter with Chief Officers via the J.N.C.C. and they are aware that we are carrying out this survey.

When we have all the information, we shall prepare a document for discussion with Chief Officers of the J.N.C.C. meeting.

It is important and — I would say — in your own interest that all members complete the questionnaires and return it to the Force office so that we can get a true picture of just what you, the members, think of the new shift changes and that the questionnaire will be with you for one month. Any Officer who has not received one by March 24, would please contact the Force office.

Headquarters, extension 2797.

Mortgage open day

TO HELP prospective house buyers, twenty-four branches of Lloyds Bank in South Essex will make their special mortgage "open day" on Saturday, March 19, to offer general help and information on the bank's range of mortgages to suit first time buyers and existing home owners, including special fixed rate deals and discount offers.

Branches will be open on 26th February from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

By Brian Pallant

Cuddly toys raise charity cash

Graham Martin and Elizabeth Dawson of Essex Police Services hand over the £295 to Jeanette Poston, representing the Gurney Fund for Police Orphans.

PUPPY update

NEGOTIATIONS are still proceeding in the Working Groups of the Police Negotiating Board and, at the moment, it seems as if members are seeking to have the new times introduced as soon as is actually possible.

Because what has been negotiated in a total package. One of them, obviously, will be one that will be suitable for our negotiators to up-date on what the position is until agreement has been reached.

It would seem that maybe that many of the items will eventually come up for arbitration and, in fact, the members of the Board have been put aside to deal with those matters that need arbitration and, of course, those decisions can be given to the Home Secretary by his deadline date of April 11.

We will have further news by the March edition. In Justice.

Injury claims top £500,000

By Mick Engfield

Claims Secretaries

In 1993 has again been a busy year for the claims submitted by members of the Essex Police Force, for both Criminals and civil claims submitted under the Federation Fund Regulation.

Criminal Claims submitted in 1993 have increased from 53 in 1992 to 63 in 1993 with a total settlement figure of £208.585, an increase over last year's settlement figure of £181,650. At present, there are 81 CICB Claims in various stages of progress, a slight decrease from last year's total of 85. This is a result of the increase in the minimum award in 1992.

There are 30 claims in progress with a slight decrease from last year's total of 27.

Civil claims settled in 1993 — total 45, a slight decrease from 1992, equal to 35. The total was £51,419. The amount of compensation paid to members increased from £326,476 in 1992 to £398,815 in 1993.

The total number of Criminal claims at this stage stands at 93, a slight increase from last year's figure of 92. The vast majority of these claims are handled by the Federation Solicitors, Russell Jones and Walker of Grays Inn Road, London.

The CICB 29th Annual Report for year ending March 31, 1993 has yet to be published, however, a Government White Paper on changes to the Criminal Injuries Scheme was published in December 1993.

This is as a result of a review implemented by the then Home Secretary.

The Paper states that the aim is to provide a better service to victims. The Federation nationally has been considering these proposals, and has been discussing with the Home Office.

From the content of the White Paper, it would appear that little regard is being paid to the views of the police officers.

The main points which affect our members are:

1. Compensation will no longer be awarded in cases where a victim fails to co-operate with the investigating Police Officer.

2. The police officer will be the final arbiter of the victim's level of fault. This will mean that no pain and suffering will be awarded, in addition to no separate payment of loss of earnings or any expense incurred.
Kim's on red alert

An urgent assistance call from a stand-by Delta crew parked near a march through Colchester set the adrenaline flowing on control earlier this month.

As the anxious controller's voice crackled through the radio in the Force Traffic Unit, backing asking if everyone was OK. The potential problem was quickly spotted - press officer Kim White had her foot resting on the 9-11 button.

STUCK on you

A PC CYCLEST who crashed while pursuing a suspect left a sticker on his fuel tank which read, "You are not going to get nicked and you are not going to have to work here again!"

Taking problem

A SHARP-EYED Basildon officer saw a right-hand drive car with Italian numberplates — for having no tax.

And a man in Epping reported to police that a van had been driven off by a thief. When he called to his neighbour's house and gave the index number, he realised she had posted the letter for work - in the metric.

I work

A WORRIED Canvey Island man found his wife to ask her the index number of her car. She paused and asked, "What about the number of his birthday?"

Running into trouble

RED-FACED Inspector Kevin Doyland fell foul of the nutmeg in his coffee during a meeting scheme around Police HQ when he stopped off on the outside the Force Sports Shop to get in for a new pair of trainers.

As a flash, one of the wardens handed him a £20 ticket on his Food Escort, leaving him vowing to run fust next time.

Out of 10 for observation

A SHARP-EYED WPC, Epping, was on the lookout for her sergeant - who was reported to be one icy evening when the Sergeant spotted what appeared to be a man taking a picture in the snow.

The WPC, said there was no need to stop as there were several people looking under the bonnet and it must be a breakdown.

The Sgt's stopped the car and as the WPC looked curiously, "They're looking under the bonnet, they must be a tree stuck out in.

Traffic

TRAFFIC officers patrolling the county's motorways will be donating their shades this week as the Force's dazzling new "Battenburg Cake" police car takes to the road.

Identically designed for its high-profile markings, the traffic car has been nicknamed because of its colourful blue and yellow check livery.

Exe is one of eleven police forces nationwide chosen to trial the new markings on the motorways for a six month period.

The highly visible and easily identifiable "Battenburg Cake" is being tested with a view towards introducing a national scheme for police motorway patrol vehicles.

Research has been carried out over the last four years on behalf of the ACPO Traffic Committee to identify a suitable standard livery.

One of the main aims is to enhance the safety of both police officers and members of the public at the scene of accidents.

In addition to the large blue and yellow side stripes, the car is equipped with red and yellow chevrons on the bonnet, and among the 300 reflective strips formed into the background.

During the trial period, which officially starts on March 31, drivers will be quizzed about their reaction to the new design. The crews will also be asked to evaluate its effectiveness.

The Essex car, a new Ford Granada, will operate out of Harlow and Brentwood Traffic garages, patrolling the M11 and M25.

Other forces trialing the new livery are Cambridgeshire Metropolitan Police, Surrey, South Wales, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Teesside (Scotland), Thames Valley, West Midlands (Central Police Group), and Wiltshire.

The exercises form part of a national programme co-ordinated by the Home Office, in which other forces bid to hold either table-top, or real-life exercises in which resources are actually deployed, and in some cases the Cabinet Office becomes involved.

As a consequence of the exercises officers are transported in order to familiarise senior officers with contingency plans for dealing with a terrorist incident, to increase their understanding of the roles of Government departments, and to create awareness of the sheer scale of operational requirements, as well as the outside resources available.

As part of the exercise, Essex Police decided to gain maximum value from the New Salesman exercise by inviting crew members from the Armed Response Vehicles and firearms trained officers based at the airport to take part.

Interesting

"It went very well," said Det-Sgt John Brown. "The PCs found it very interesting and thought about what would be happening at Government level.

"We did a top exercise like this, we get to see much more of the overall picture".

In addition to Essex officers there were observers from 18 other forces including one representative from New Zealand.

The majority of these officers were in the position of preparing similar exercises to test their own
to other forces.

The Essex New Salesman plant was made up of Dept Suit Bob Good, Insp Steve Smith, Pcs Wendy Whitlam and John Guinan-Brown, started their preparation work back in August.

Planning is underway for next year’s full scale exercise to be held in Essex by the end of the year.

The camera crew shoots a dramatic scene as the terrorist pounces on the two policemen.

A QUESTION OF GUILT?

YOU’VE seen the film, got the T-shirt and now it’s time to read the book. Indeed, when we all hoped Essex Police could put the notorious Jeremy Bamber case down to experience, adding comes journalist Roger Wilkes with 350-page book on the White House Farm murders.

Like lemmings, officers and civilians alike will do no better be egging up to familiarise themselves with the latest twist in the saga.

Those expecting "Blood Relations" to champion Bamber’s fight to clear his name will be pleasantly surprised, as Wilkes is at pains to remain impartial.

It may be a who- done it, albeit with only two suspects, but he leaves readers to make up their own minds.

In fact, the book makes a compelling read. Wilkes has an eye for detail, and in writing a good story is careful not to turn a real-life tragedy into a cheap drama.

He has researched the Bamber’s complicity family background, and the case itself, thoroughly.

The result is an absorbing book both for those with no knowledge of the case and for those who remember it all too well. The latter may be a disappointment, for Bamber’s guilt is so well proven, but it would be harsh to question the open-minded approach.

While, inevitably, Essex Police are not shown in a particularly good light, for Det-Sgt Stan Jones is portrayed as the hero who stuck up for his bosses, never wavering in his belief in Bamber’s guilt.

As a retired officer Mr Jones agreed to go on the record and be interrogated. For those still serving, the official decision was not to cooperate with the book because Bamber’s complaint against the Force and his attempts to appeal were still live.

The book, like the court case and Bamber’s attempts to win the right to appeal, delves into the complicated forensic evidence of the blood found in the silencer fitted to the murder weapon.

The debate will go on. As Wilkes himself summed up, only time can tell if Bamber can ever know what really happened when five members of his family died in the Georgian Farmhouse in Tolleshunt D’Arcy that summer night eight years ago.

New Salesman exercise tests counter-terrorist plans

Airport hijack drama

TV unit breaks new ground

CHP\S TV Telephone Unit broke new ground with its fully dramatised video production of a terrorist hijacking at Stansted Airport for exercise “New Salesman”.

To make the action-packed video the team had to line up a real aircraft, and film dramatic scenes involving police and military markers on the airport tarmac, as well as negotiations in the control tower, without disrupting the normal flow of passengers and flights.

The TV unit also held auditions and recruited ten actors, unlike your normal television dramas, it all had to be kept under budget of £6,000.

Video-director David Tyler said, "To keep costs down, it was very tightly scheduled with only four filming days. This meant there were occasions when we could have done with another take, but we had to bring it to a close.

David said Essex was believed to be the first Force to use a fully dramatised video scenario as a "dry run" counter-terrorist training exercise. It featured a mobile roadside check and incident room scenes, as well as the aircraft-based action.

The TV Unit was overwhelmed by more than a thousand applications after advertising the ten acting roles through a London casting agency. Anybody who had passed out of the line between the Lines, Brade's About and Grange Hill were among the 35,000 interviewed.

Making the 20-minute video on such a tight budget meant calling in a number of favours, not least from British World Airlines who provided the plane, had it towed to an empty stand, had the air bridge lifted up and removed so it made room for the camera.

The TV Unit manager Marc Bamber wrapped the entire drama from the exercise brief, while David Tyler organised shooting schedules and equipment, which included custom made camera kit.

Filming took place during the second week in January, editing the following week, with little time to spare before the final day of the exercise in January 26.

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Bobby Dazzler!

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Making it hard for officers to apply for civilian posts, qualified and more able than their civilian counter-

Until then how can we claim that our opportunities members the Chief Constable and Force for the beautiful funeral by an honour guard and two respect and affection.

I transferred to Essex Police Station on January 25th. It was lovely to see so many of my friends and family for their gifts cards and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement. I have enjoyed my 30 years service and hope to keep in touch with the friends I have made over the time.

REG LITTLE, Outwood Common Road, Billericay.

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MAy I say a big thank you to all my friends and colleagues who wished me well on my retirement after serving 30 years.

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I would also like to thank the serving officers for their representation at the funeral by the Essex police and two mounted police, and all his old colleagues who also attended.

May I make some comments on my suggestion that all police officers will have to be armed.

My argument was that because of the many extreme jobs created by the politicians we no longer see our streets protected by the foot patrolling police. As a result, crime, vandalism and sheer unattractiveness is rampant.

There are no restraints in hooliganism.

I see no other means of restoring law and order other than by bringing back the foot patrol. Under present day conditions could be carried out this job with an out means of self protection.

I would like to thank the Chief Constable, ACCs and all police officers and staff, both serving and retired, for the wonderful support given to me on Cecil's death, and for the lovely flowers, letters and donations received.

I was quite overcome at his funeral, and I know he would have been so proud to be remembered in this way. Thank you, one and all.

JOICEY JONES, Colchester Road, Holland-on-Sea.

PLEASE extend my thanks and appreciation to all friends and colleagues for their gifts cards and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement.

I have enjoyed my 30 years service and hope to keep in touch with the friends I have made over the time.

REG LITTLE, Outwood Common Road, Billericay.

Arm officers or lose the war

I WAS happy to hear, through your letters page, that Ron Sewell is still alive and kicking and as keen as ever to see the war against the 'unjustly' achieve a little more success.

His views about arm the police, are shared by many of our retired officers.

The arguments raised by Phil Pewsey against paratrooper policing, and CID detectives being armed, are amply

It is a debate that will become more and more

One point raised by Mr Pewsey is the emotional suitability of a policeman to carry a gun. My reply would be that he should never be a policeman if he could not use a gun to save his own life.

There should always be a faint glimmer of hope for the future in hearing President Clinton saying that all police under the protection of crimes of violence for the third time will be locked away for the remainder of their lives. A strong decision indeed.

RON SEWELL, North Street, Maldon.

Right to reply...

Thank you for the chance to respond to another letter from Mr Revell, the first one being printed in 1985 when he took exception to me as a 'bit of a fella', reviewing Mr Woodgate's book on the Essex Police.

For the record, my research into police history began before 1970 when I was awarded a Diploma in local history with a dissertation called The King's Peace: Studies in Essex Police History before 1086. A copy was deposited in the Essex Record Office and used by Mr Woodgate, although he chose not to follow accepted academic procedure and acknowledge my own sources.

Surely Mr Revell can see the potential for an index to help trace particular points? My publisher certainly required one to produce an index, but in any case I consider it a vital part of any book intended as a source of information.

I'm sorry Mr Revell found the notes and references to the Essex Police gener-

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May I make some comments on the merits of both books.

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THOUSANDS of pounds of drugs and stolen property have been recovered by police officers this month after several successful raids across Essex.

In Chelmsford ‘Operation Wellington’ swung into action, where officers recovered property believed to have been stolen from a jolly at the Watford Gap Service Station at the beginning of February.

Several properties in the Boreham area of Chelmsford were searched. Around £100,000 of Amstrad TV’s, Satellite Dishes and decoders were seized, six shotguns were also found.

Car boot sales did not escape either as Benfleet and Canvey Officers together with representatives from Trading Standards and The Federation Against Copyright Thefts toured several sites. 500 video tapes were confiscated and copies of well known films such as ‘The Exorcist’ and ‘The Fugitive’.

In Harlow, area 17 of which had positive results. £20,000 of drugs were found including 3 kilos of Cannabis, a quantity of Amphetamine Sulphate and ecstasy tablets. An amount of computers, radios, driving documents and antiques were also recovered.

A Chelmsford detective unveils a haul of satellite and TV equipment. Picture: Fred Hamerton, Essex Chronicle.
AN EMPHASIS on fitness and outdoor skills as well as practical experience such as First Aid dominates the unique PVC course, which gives college students an insight into the police service.

While far less well-known than their counterparts the cadets, PVC students have been working with Essex Police for more than 16 years, and many have gone on to join the force.

PVC is the Police Vocational Course, believed to be the only one of its kind in the country, and run in partnership with Chelmsford College of Further Education.

The students study for either GCSE exams or A levels, alongside their four-and-a-half hours a week of timetabled police activities, and can take either a one-year or two-year course.

As well as learning self-defence, orienteering and camping skills, the small group of between 10 and 18 students is given an introduction to public order training and departments such as crime prevention and scenes of crime.

In addition, the students spend two hours each week on work experience, including working in front offices and control rooms of the county's police stations, attending court and going on patrol with the traffic wardens. As with the cadets, some of this time may be spent working in old people's homes or children's homes.

PVC trainer Pc Wendy Welham, herself a former student of the course, said, "It gives them an insight into the work of the police. Those that apply to join then know what they are applying for."

Camping

The PVC course demands considerable commitment from the students, with regular weekend camping expeditions to Dartmoor, Derbyshire and Snowdonia as well as more local camps at Danbury or Thorpe. The students are also encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Last year, the Essex PVC students proved they were worthy by winning the Bedfordshire Police organised "Lotus Challenge", a gruelling orienteering-type competition against cadets and volunteer cadets from other forces.

Last summer they also worked closely with the Essex Police Cadets to stage a Drap Day featuring marching and gymnastics display.

Academic

Second-year PVC student Sarah Manning, who is studying A levels in Biology and Sociology, said that while she hoped to join the police eventually, her academic qualifications would give her something to fall back on.

Some of her contemporaries plan to go on to university, before applying to join the police as graduate entrants. At a time of little recruitment and vast numbers of applicants, the students are encouraged to gain experience working in other jobs before applying to join the service.

Pick a puppy

LAW readers are invited to take part in our "Pick a Puppy" competition to name six of Carla's tiny terriers.

We are looking for four girls' names and two boys' names - and they must all begin with the letter A.

You and your family can submit as many names as you like, but bear in mind that the pups are destined to become working police dogs.

We need your entries by March 9, so hurry and get your thinking caps on.

Our six lucky winners will receive a photograph of their puppy, and an invite to the passing out parade later in the year when the successful dogs take their litter to supplement the police dogs.

Send your entries to "Pick a Puppy" competition, The Law newspaper, Press Office, Police HQ, PO Box 2, Springfield, Chelmsford, CM2 0DA.

The winners will be announced in the next edition of The Law.
Mrs. Truscott looked on in The grey tabby, named PC Simon Keightley with the tiny tearaways. Kizzie was placed in the amusement as a passing taxi driver helped two officers to patrol car. Kizzie then hot-footed ponies ran straight into fugitives were spotted in But when local bobby arrested the runaway. "It was helped police with their enquiries and her owner was found. A police spokesman said it had been a furry good public relations exercise.

In the guise of a pea farmer from Stisted, Holmes rang to claim back his property - Karl and Kitty - asking the police to send his pets just a few more days as he was too busy to pick them up. He also dished out a few handy tips such as distinguishing between male and female depending on whether the tail curled clockwise or anti-clockwise, and advising officers not to bend down and tie shoelaces, while Karl was in the room. A certain sergeant, who will remain nameless, didn't appear too amused at the leg poll. AL CRACKERS

Fined for barn owl sales

AN unemployed Essex man has been fined a total of £200 for possessing, ring and selling barn owls.

John Willett pleaded guilty to six charges at Saffron Walden Magistrates Court last month.

It was in the summer of 1992 that Willett of Duddenhoe, part exchanged some Chinchillas and Chipmunks for two unrun birds.

A year later the two owls bred and hatched seven chicks.

One died shortly after. Willett then purchased some rings from the British Bird Council intending to sell the chicks. However, the chicks had grown and he was unable to fit the rings so he split the rings before putting them on the birds.

He then advertised them for sale in a weekly paper and a Patrick Creek got in touch with Willett.

The court heard that the living conditions were atrocious with the nestbox deep in sawdust and the chicks caked in mud.

Mr Creek purchased two of the birds clearing them up and taking photos of them. It was then discovered that the ring had been cut.

After the matter was reported to the police, the court heard how a search warrant was obtained under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and officers from the police and RSPCA went to Willett's address.

They discovered two barn owls in a cage too small for them to outstretch their wings. Both had split rings on their legs.

In addition to the fines (4 x £50) Willett was ordered to pay £44 costs and a forfeiture order made on all the birds, 8 in total.

PORKERS Pinky and Perky tried their best to escape the long hand of the law when they went on the rampage through Colne Engaine.

But it was the boys in blue who came up trumps taking the pot belled pair into protective custody.

The Vietnamese duo went for a wander earlier this month but they couldn't outsmart PC Hugh Coneney, David Whalley and Peter Page.

Fast on their feet, armed with makeshift leads made out of bomb tape, the three Halstead officers eventually cornered the noisy pets.

 scooped them into rice shields and transported them to the station kennels in two cars.

The pigs were later returned to their owners, but not before Essex Radio DJs, Holmes and McCoy succeeded in playing a prank on the Trinity Road station.

Police bring home the bacon

During the course of an investigation into an incident of littering.

a palaver used chaos when a house in Witham was broken into when the worried neighbours phoned the police who then discovered a poodle had been stolen.

The dog was later found in a garden in Harlow. But it slipped under a window of a house and the police were on their toes when it was found in a garden a local vet. Several hours later, the poodle was returned to its owner.

CLACTON Police thought it was a tall story when a woman phoned at 3am to say she had a runaway donkey in her hallway.

But Diane Truscott's tale was true. She had woken with a start when she heard a tapping sound like a woman's stillettos, followed by a knock on her door.

Her fright turned to disbelief when she discovered cheeky Humphrey on her doorstep.

The donkey nudge his way into the hallway of Mrs. Truscott's Tyser Avenue home, where she fed him chocolate biscuits while she waited for the police.

Mrs. Truscott booked on in amusement as a passing taxi driver helped two officers to arrest the runaway. "It was hilarious - I was standing out in the road in my dressing gown and everybody was chasing around after him," she said.

Watch out! There's a Humphrey about

Saved by a whisker

TWO Holland-On-Sea Officers came to the rescue after police received a call reporting a distressed cat stranded on a roof.

Gallant PC Steve Cross and PC Phil Roe bravely ran up the ladder, condicionesed a ladder from the house next door and fearlessly enticed the soggy moggy to safety.

The grey tabby, named Kizzie was placed in the warmth of the officers patrol car. Kizzie then helped police with their enquiries and her owner was found. A police spokesman said it had been a furry good public relations exercise.

PC SIMON Keightley with the tiny tearaways.

Caught red-hoofed

Hot hoofed ponies ran straight into the hands of the law when they made their escape from a field in West Bergholt.

The terrible tearaways were from a group of 13. But four of the fugitives were spotted by Colchester Road by John and Joan Snowling.

When their dog started going frantic, the couple looked out of the window and saw the deserts on their driveway.
PENSION INCREASE
Pubic Service Pensions will be increased as from April 1, 1994, by 1.8 per cent for pensions being paid on April 1, 1993.

NARPO PUBLICATION
You will recall that I mentioned the NEC were looking into the possibility of improving the image of the quarterly bulletin. This has now been taken a few steps nearer reality by the study group convened for this purpose.
The conclusion reached so far is that an A4 glossy type magazine carrying advertising and containing a number of pages would be about right.

MARKET PLACE

AMIGA 506+ computer.
Mamall, Deluxe Paint III 12 games, joystick, almost new.

CITRON VX. Excellent condition. 3,500 miles.

CORNWALL. Polo, Prestige, 528, heated indoor and outdoor pools, club and all facilities. £500.

CYPRIUS.
FLAT sleeps 4. 3 rooms, large kitchen and living room, electric radiator. Excellent

D. Bromley.

CYBERNET. 4 bedroom

Dynamo.

FOLIAGE.

Eastbourne.

Market Place

Mid Essex Branch

by Fred Dyson

A VERY disappointing response!
Of 116 members of the Branch only 17 attended the AGM on Monday, January 21.
Of the six members on the committee, all were prepared to stand down and make room for new

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by Jo Dudley

SINCE I last gave an account the number of members in the Branch has continued to increase.

The September day trip to France was a great success and an event which we hope to repeat.

Another October 1, we once again held annual dinner at the New Inn, Tiptree.

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Ex-Pc John Adams, who retired in 1976, died 12.01.94.

Ex-Sgt Charles Williams, who retired in 1965, died 01.10.94.

Ladies have agreed that the men can join us. Just give me a ring on 0268 734692 if you are interested. We anticipate a "bring your own food" style of course with a blanket on the ground, before the race.

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ners had no chance to comment.

It should be pointed out

This is not aware of your position or

Majority

are known, the

take place on a new county regarding the

Is it not

I REFER to your opinion column in the January edition - yet there are indignant voices being heard around the
counting the moving of shift start times to one

of non-police personnel. start time.

I WRITE with regard to the current debate to the Force working

day and the new proposed shift systems.

In front of me I can see two documents. The first is The Statement of Common

Purpose, the second is the Implementation Guide from the Shift Working Party. The two

appear to be in conflict with each other.

I quote from the statement:

Morale in this Force is at an

all time low and rising

roughhold over the

wishes of the vast majority

will only serve to push it lower. Has it occurred to you survey. There's just one thing, I'm not alive,

the new shift systems.

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I hope if you are ever untreated you

shift workers on a
greater basis, I fear that the Working Party has got it badly
to do on the wishes of shift workers, it would

be found that a majority would still

be adhering to it. It may not have

been your intention to make the

changes.

What is your preferred start times in relation to shifts?

A) 06.00, 14.00, 22.00
B) 07.00, 15.00, 23.00
C) 08.00, 16.00, 24.00

Number

27.11

26.22

12.66

57

WITH regard to the new shift start times and the editorial comment in the January

Law, nº 2, I would like to ask you to bear in mind the following analogy.

The DVLA at Swansea announce that for

many years they are considering European and
certainly give you the answer you have

nothing to do with the changes. You

since 1987. The situation now is

that 25 per cent were in favour of

in some very important

benefit of your biased opin-

You stated that a cross

section of people canvassed

75 per cent were in favour of

on the right and all new cars will be the model

left hand drive.

Can you imagine the uproar at such a high-handed move?

This is no indication of your support

as such a high-handed move.

The DVLA at Swansea announce that for

we are convinced of the sole

because we are convinced

This figure has no credibility unless you also publish exactly

that the project team has completed its deli-

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Knights of the road

The International Law Enforcement Agency Motor Cycle Club, known as Blue Knights, has been in existence since 1974. Originally founded in America to combat adverse publicity in respect of motorcycling, it has now grown into a major charity fund raiser worldwide. With “Chapters” in countries ranging from Australia to Norway and from Hawaii to Switzerland, the total worldwide membership now exceeds 15,000. In November 1992, the membership of Blue Knights (England) stood at 21. In just 12 months this has increased to 63.

The aims of the club have not changed - to promote motorcycling, to enjoy the company of those with a similar interest, and to provide funds for our chosen charity, The National Holiday Fund (a group dedicated to providing holidays in Florida for the terminally ill or handicapped children).


Every member of the Blue Knights is entitled to attend any of these rallies. All these events are ridiculously cheap, with a promise of some severe socialising as well. Blue Knights (England) I have organised “ride-outs” every Sunday so it does not matter what shift you work, there is always something going on. It is immaterial what type or size of bike you ride, if you enjoy it why not make the most of organisation for a change!

For any further information contact Dave Knight (President) on 0279 642121 ext 5691 or Dick Greaves (Regional Director) at HQ/IC.

Saffron Walden Police Station Division/Sub Division H.Q. 1885 - 1994

Police, civilian and retired members of the force together with their guests are invited to join us in commemorating our change in status brought about by the new force structure.

Grand Dinner Dance

Saffron Walden County High School Saturday 7th May 1994

7.00pm

Tickets £20

The Waldenaires Dance Band

Charity Raffle

All profits to M.E.D.I.C.S. (Flying Doctor Service)

Tickets available by contacting PS Schneider or PS Tuffin on 0799 513232 ext 5906. (Tickets are limited so please reserve them now!)

Pedalling for Pounds

Cycle from London to Portsmouth or Paris and raise cash for kids

This year, why not take up the challenge of participating in a long distance cycle ride and help raise cash for the NSPCC.

Over the August Bank Holiday you have the choice of a one day ride from London to Paris or a three day ride from London to Paris.

There is also a choice of cycling routes of either 65, 80 or 100 miles per day.

And there’s a special incentive for police officers with a special prize award to the police team raising the most sponsorship.

Following the ride, the NSPCC will arrange for you to take a well earned break in the London area before catching a train back home. The final day is free and can either be spent exploring Paris or Rouen before catching the ferry back to Portsmouth with transport back to Central London arriving late on Thursday, September 1.

Money raised by the event will go towards supporting the NSPCC’s vital work with children and families.

If you would like to take part in this event you will need to raise a minimum of £15 to enter the Portsmouth Bikeathon and £20 for the London to Paris ride which includes medical and mechanical backup, insurance, refreshments, marshals, accommodation and ferry transport.

Events organiser, Alison Keaney, said: “These rides have in recent years developed strong links with the police force.

“The rides are marshalled by members of the Bedfordshire Police Motorcycle Club and two years ago Chris Brown, a Kent officer, raised the magnificent sum of over £2,000.”

Anyone interested in either ride should contact the NSPCC, tel 071 977 7302. The NSPCC is based at 2 angels, Holborn, London WC1.

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P.A.A. Judo Championships

The P.A.A. judo championships will be held at Liverpool University on Monday 19th September 1994.

This event is open to all serving police officers and cadets. Anyone who requires any further information, please contact the Force Sports Secretary.

Croker Cup Comp - 1993

REFERENCE PB 28/9 dated 17 January 1994. Several of the events between south and Headquarters have been mixed up.

The following is the correct schedule:

Rugby: South 2, HQ 0, Sea Angling: south 2, HQ 1, Snooker: South 1 (perm). Squash: South 2, HQ 1, Table Tennis: South 1, HQ 2.

This puts Headquarters 5th on 29 points and South 6th on 28 points.

Essex county cricket club tickets

The Force Sports Association has again purchased two Executive Suite tickets for all Essex first eleven fixtures for this year.

The intention this year will be to allocate these tickets on a day basis, rather than last year, when they were allocated for all four days of the match.

Each member will be given both tickets which will allow you to take one guest free and two further guests upon payment of the appropriate charge.

To book the Executive Suite you must be dressed “smart casual”. Jacket and tie is preferable, please note: jeans, shorts (for men) and T-shirts are not permitted.

A draw will be made at the beginning of the season to allocate these tickets, similar to the Ipswich Town Football tickets and this list will be published to all interested persons.

A supplementary charge of £5 will be made on these tickets. Any person interested in being included in this draw, must submit their names in writing to the Headquarters Sports Secretary, at police Headquarters, before Friday 25th March 1993.

HOLIDAY INNS OFFERS

Here’s a chance to enjoy a remarkable “get away from it all” bargain whenever you like during 1994.

Essex Police Sports Association has teamed up with Holiday Inns to offer you up to 95% off normal room rates at any of the following hotels: Abbeystead £449, Edinburgh £6959, Newcastle £449, Sheffield £59, Leeds £49, Manchester £499, Leicester £39, Warrington £499, Manchester £39, Nottingham £39,449, Cambridge £499, Telford £349, Birmingham £449. Reading £49, Bristol £499, Maidenhead £44, Ashford £2934 plus the following London hotels, Brent Cross £449, Heathrow £493, Kensington £79, Mayfair £99, Kings Cross £969, Sutton £449 and Garwick £3949.

If you want to visit the Highlands or Hadrian’s Wall, the Peak District or the Fens, there’s a hotel waiting to welcome you and your family. Prices start at only £29 per room per night (2-3 persons sharing a room) and the offer is not confined to specific days or times of year.

It is available at weekends, seven days a week, throughout July, August and September and at other times subject to availability (including Bank Holidays). It ends only on December 31.

One call is all it takes to stay in style at the hotel of your choice.

Enjoy spacious rooms, each with private bathrooms, double beds, TV, phone, coffee and tea making facilities.

Most of the hotels also offer superb leisure centres too. For reservations just call 0895 449 533 and quote Travel and Leisure Club/Essex Police Sports Association special rates. Reservations for Monday - Thursday inclusive must be made three days ahead.

Some hotels have high/low season rates - the first rate is high, the second low. Seasonality differs between hotels.

Force Lottery

The result of the February lottery is as follows:

£1500 Cons 1768 Peter Stevens Rochford

£1000 Cons 1446 Leslie Jennings Stannow Traffic

£500 Cons 2213 Jason Boots Stannow Traffic

£300 Mr Michael Wade Headquarters Information Room

£200 Cons 595 Robert Boyle Tollesbury

£100 Cons 1385 Christopher Dicks Brentwood Traffic

The following will receive £50 consolation prizes:

Cons 549 Keith Brookes of Roxwell, Cons 2140 David Ellis of Littlebury, Sgt 905 Paul Davy of Headquarters Information Room, Cons 2523 Patrick Whitehead of Corringham East, DCons 1345 Dominic Graham, seconded staff, Cons 1608 John Walsh of Burnham on Crouch, Mrs Stephanie Gosling of Harwich Port, DCons 1819 Graham Carter of Corringham, DCons 1717 Keith Marsh, seconded staff, DCons 1753 Kevin Watson of Headquarters Crime Ops, Sgt 1315 Peter Smith of Colchester, and Cons 1438 Philip Brown of Headquarters Information Room.

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In memory of Maurice

THE 1994 Nutrasweet London Marathon takes place on April 17 and, once again, among the 30,000 plus throng will be the force marathon team.

This year they will do battle in aid of the Essex Children’s Hospice at Southend, one of the county’s biggest ever fund raising projects, and very close to heart of our dear departed friend Maurice Brazier.

Maurice, who bravely ran as part of the team in last year’s marathon, in the middle of his personal fight against cancer, was determined to be with us in the 1994 event to raise funds for this project.

By Laurie Rampling

Although he can’t be with us, I am sure he will be with us in spirit, willing us every step of the way.

The team will dedicate this year’s efforts to Mo’s memory and it is hoped that some sort of lasting dedication or memorial to Mo can be made at the centre when it is completed.

The appeal was launched last November by the Adult Hospice, Fair Havens, and has the support of its’ president, Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, who has in turn notified all other Essex MPs about the project to give it a countywide appeal.

Sponsorship forms will be circulated very shortly and it is hoped that every officer will be in a position to make some small contribution.

The team has yet to be finalised, but team managers Allan Burley and Laurie Rampling, hope to announce the final line-up in next month’s Law.

Negotiate

Prior to the main event the team will negotiate tricky hurdles at Hastings on March 31 and Reading on April 10 for the respective half marathons, with other assorted events locally.

It is also hoped that two fund raising activities, in conjunction with Woolworth PLC, can be organised at Lakeside, West Thurrock and Southend, sometime in April.

Last year’s London Marathon winner, Eamonn Martin, joined in the fun, once again, by giving up his valuable time to promote the team’s efforts for the Evening Echo.

He is also interested that the Tour of the Thames will be held on Southend pier on June 12.

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Fitness fun

FITNESS fanatics will be pleased to hear that aerobics sessions are now being run at Colchester Police Station.

Classes are every Tuesday evening between 7pm and 8pm.

Anyone interested should contact Ann Garwood on 0206 762212 ext 4343.

Angling for a PAA place

THERE will be a sea angling competition to be held on Southend pier on Thursday, April 28.

This is to assist in selecting teams for the forthcoming No 5 Region PAA Championships being hosted by Essex Police.

Booking-in time will be 11.30am to 11.45am for a 12.30pm start.

Those interested should contact Pc Skingley at Thames Marine Section at Rayleigh on 0206 775533, Edinor 6687.

Have a smashing time for charity

Every fancied a bit of banger racing? Now’s your chance.

On Sunday, May 22 between 6pm and 10pm the Metropolitan Police Motor Club is sponsoring the 3rd annual Emergency Services Banger Race at Wimbledon Stadium.

The event is in aid of the Sara Marie Foundation, a charity which aims to send terminally ill or seriously ill children on a holiday of a lifetime such as seeing Father Christmas in Lapland.

The last two years have raised a total of more than £9,000.

Everyone will get a chance to compete in the destruction derby.

There will be trophies for heat winners, final winners, destruction derby winners and the best dressed car.

All drivers must be members of one of the 999 services but civilians in the service are welcome.

Anyone interested should contact Pc Mike Dunckley on 081 246 1784 or 081 368 4696.
Essex agrees to pilot new ‘specials’ scheme

Pounding the parish

Business as usual

Essex has agreed to be one of 20 police forces in the country to pilot a Parish Special Constables Scheme, following a recommendation by the Home Secretary.

The scheme is for rural areas and Southminster and Hockley were selected for the launch which took place on Valentine’s Day.

The officers will be introduced to their respective parishes at the next parish council meetings where they will discuss their role in the community.

Minor crime

It is envisaged that as well as attending future parish council meetings they will also visit neighbourhood watch groups, give crime prevention advice, help provide victim support and deal with incidents of public order and minor crime.

The two special constables who have volunteered for the schemes both have full time jobs. They will be patrolling regularly, at no cost to the parish, and hope to forge links between the community and the police.

Hockley constable, Stephen Judd, aged 19, works as a property manager for a firm of surveyors in Southend.

He lives in the Hockley area and hopes this new role will involve him more with the community, particularly its elderly residents.

The Southminster parish will be taken on by Lyn Barclay, who lives in the area with her husband, also a special constable, three children and an assortment of dogs and cats.

She works as a checkout operator in Maldon.

The scheme will be evaluated in six to 12 months time and if it has proved a success, will be expanded countywide.

Smile, you could be a CCTV star

YOU may remember that last month Basildon schools joined forces with Essex Police to cut crime and protect pupils in a pioneering SchoolWatch scheme.

Prior to that a close circuit TV system was installed in Fryerns School. Although it’s too early to reveal the success of SchoolWatch, Fryerns have reported a 54 per cent drop in crime since the cameras were rigged up with staff and pupil morale on a high.

To help promote CCTV in schools, town centres, car parks and garages, crime prevention officers in the area decided to design their third ‘Free Poster’.

This time you don’t receive a free ride in a police car or a free record of the criminal kind.

The message is clear, commit crime and get caught on camera.

The power of the press

Essex Police and the media teamed up to give victim support volunteers an insight into police/press relations in the county.

Det Supt Malcolm Hargreaves, based at Headquarters, DCI Roger Mason, of Chelmsford CID and Fred Hammerton, Deputy Editor and crime reporter for the Essex Chronicle, told the Chelmsford volunteers that there was generally good cooperation between the two groups.

It was acknowledged that the facilities supplied by the Essex Police Press Office, such as press conference, in addition to the general ‘open’ policy the force has adopted, reduced the need for reporters to ‘doorstep’ victims and relatives for major crime stories.

During the meeting Mr Hargreaves and Mr Eason generally praised the media for their help in publicizing appeals.

They agreed it was invaluable assistance and often led to vital information being received from witnesses.

The victim support meeting was part of an ongoing training programme for support volunteers who counsel victims of crime.

They have already heard from the Crown Prosecution Service and Coroner’s officer as well as been told about post traumatic stress.

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