New appeal to find killer

A TELEVISION reconstruction last month spearheaded a renewed appeal to solve a five-year-old murder inquiry.

And Essex detectives are pleased with the response prompted by the Crime Monthly show. Fitness fanatic Martin Broom (29) was bludgeoned to death with a hammer while he slept at his home in Boreham, near Chelmsford, in July 1989.

Suspect

On June 21, a crew from London Weekend Television retraced Martin's last known steps, beginning at the Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre.

Despite the length of time since the killing, officers still believe they can catch the killer. They believe someone must know or suspect the identity of the murderer, and that perhaps misplaced loyalties have previously prevented these vital witnesses from coming forward.

Identity

Police have yet to trace the owner or driver of a Mini van seen driving from Sussex Close, Martin's home address, or the identity of a young woman who visited the house.

De Ernie Carr, said: “We are very pleased with the number of calls we received. Some of these calls have given us more leads to follow up. We would, however, like more information, and if any officers receive any calls connected with the Broom case, they should immediately refer them to me.”

ROOKIE sniffer dog Yenna proved she was no dope when she hit the jackpot on her first assignment.

The year-old Springer Spaniel bitch sprang a few surprises when she sniffed out three separate parcels of cannabis resin, worth a total of £3,500, hidden in a house in Braintree.

And it was a first forockendon-based handler Pc. Tony Spong, better known for his tracking exploits with his German Shepherd dog Bodie. Yenna is his first drugs search dog. Impish Yenna was offered to the police by the Hertfordshire-based Springer Spaniel Welfare, after proving too much of a handful for a Little Baddow couple.

A one-week assessment confirmed her promise, and after flying high through her subsequent four-week training course, Yenna was quickly on the scent of more success.

Searches of a car in Basildon, she found drugs in three different places, and a week ago in Great Baddow her dogged determination uncovered another haul, eleven ounces of amphetamines hidden in a speaker, and five packets of cannabis resin concealed in a bed frame.

She quickly proved to be top dog. Who knows what future successes lie ahead?

A CARING police officer from Harwich could be just days away from saving the life of a woman in Finland by donating his bone marrow.

Pc Paul Rowlen (28) recently learned that he was the most compatible match for the 35-year-old woman who is suffering from Leukaemia. It is unlikely that she will live without having the operation.

Paul has been a supporter of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust for three years since his local Round Table group decided to back the appeal. He has now been told that he could be called to Harley Street to donate his bone marrow at any moment. The woman, who is married and has children, is currently too weak to go through with the operation.

Last month the trust also benefited from the actions of Pc Tom Tomkins from Harlow Traffic - he organised donor sessions which resulted in 115 Essex Police officers and support staff now being potential bone marrow donors.

Few people get as far as Paul and actually donate bone marrow, which is why more people are needed to increase the likelihood of finding compatible donors. Paul said: “It's a great feeling that you can actually do something to save someone's life. I can't see how anyone could be so selfish to say I won't do it.”

When the go-ahead for the operation is given Paul will go to Harley Street in London to donate his bone marrow. He will be put under a general anaesthetic and bone marrow will be taken out of his thigh or breast bone. The marrow will then be flown immediately to Finland, it has to reach the patient within 23 hours.

For now though it’s a waiting game. He knows he could receive a call at any moment: “The longer I wait the more frustrating it gets, as time goes by I wonder if it will ever happen.”

The gift of life

By Ian Deal

Pc Paul Rowlen waits for the life-saving call.

But Paul hopes that he will be able to help him. He said: “It isn’t just about saving this woman’s life, it means the children will still have a mother and their father will still have a wife. I hope that someone would do the same for me if I ever needed it.”

If you would like to consider becoming a donor please phone The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust on 071 284 1234.

You can also donate to the fund by sponsoring Pcs Tom Tomkins and Paul Hills from Harlow Traffic, who are taking part in the Great North Run half marathon in South Shields on September 18.

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Fun day round up - centre pages
THE Essex Police Federation open meeting was held at the Marine Athletic and Social Club, Chelmsford on the evening of Monday, June 20.

Once again this year the format was the same as with the previous years and from the Joint Constable and the Chairman of the Police Authority remaining throughout the evening to answer any questions from the Force.

As in the past, this proved successful, and although the turnout on the evening was down on previous years and there was Joint Branch Board perception was disappointing considering the calls that we have been receiving with regard to the working day, tenure of post policy and the new payment agreements.

Can I thank those that did attend and for the many and varied questions that were put to the Chief Constable and the National Members of the Police Federation.

**Grievance Resolved or Withdrawn**

If a resolution is achieved or the aggrieved withdraws the grievance the officer handling the grievance must ensure that the person concerned is informed.

Before doing this they should discuss their decision with a colleague or friend and a representative of Staff Association. (Federation Representative). In cases where at least 3 days should be allowed to elapse to enable persons to do so.

**Retention of Records**

At the conclusion of the grievance procedure all records and relevant papers should be forwarded to the Equal Opportunities Officer for retention.

**Grievance versus Discipline**

Remember discipline produces a result, grievance has to be resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. Grievance should NOT be regarded as an adjunct to discipline.

Grievance should be dealt with as such BUT recognising that in some circumstances grievance MAY indicate the need for disciplinary investigation.

It is impossible to give definite rules and guidance in all cases but it should be clear-cut. However in doubtful cases and in particular where the aggrieved person is unwilling to support disciplinary proceedings, there is the need to ensure that:

- The decision to institute disciplinary investigation or revert to guidance is taken as quickly as possible.
- The Grievance should not be suspended and integrity and confidentiality of procedure should not be compromised.
- Remember the decision to initiate a discipline enquiry will always remain with the Deputy Chief Constable (the recognised discipline authority for the force), to whom matters will be referred in the event of it becoming apparent that such an action is required.
- By default open to the Deputy Chief Constable, however, having regard to all the circumstances, to decide that a matter should remain within the grievance procedure, in which case it will continue to be dealt with at the appropriate stage of the procedure.

If the aggrieved person does not wish to make any disciplinary allegations against the officer concerned, then it would not be appropriate for the supervisor / line manager to make a report to the officer in charge of complaints and discipline.

**Life Insurance**

A GROUP insurance scheme is run on behalf of George Barrows and continues to work well.

I would advise any officer who is not a member of the scheme, or who does not have his wife covered, to contact the office.

From renewal there is the facility for officers retiring to continue their cover, albeit at a reduced rate.

Details are available from Irene Black in the Federation office on Edet 2789.

The current rates are £77,750 for life insurance payable on death from any cause; £20,000 permanent total disablement and £24,900 for spouse insurance.

- Serving officers married to officers of the Force who is not a member of the accident insurance; £20,000 in the case of death from any cause; £10,000 in the case of permanent total disablement.

Examples of this are:-

1. Where the allegation is very serious, or there are compelling issues of public or organisational interest.
2. The matter has worsened since the original report was made, such as if the officer concerned persists with the alleged misconduct.
3. The matter is only one of a series of incidents.

Where is so decided to refer a matter against the wishes of the aggrieved person, then the reasons for doing so must be explained to the aggrieved as soon as possible.

In the event of the aggrieved person being referred the matter MUST record the reason for the action, bearing in mind that there may be a need to explain the decision at some later date before an Industrial Tribunal.

Remember attempts to find a resolution to the original grievance should be deferred pending the outcome of the discipline enquiry.

If the grievance is then referred concurrently with, though separate from, the discipline enquiry.

By Brian Pallant

**Take out a loan and win a Suzuki**

SPECIAL term on unsecured personal loans from the Halifax for Essex Police staff were further enhanced last month.

- 2% APR discount - Essex Police staff currently receive a 2% APR discount on unsecured personal loans and as of June 20 and member taking out Payment Protection Plan Insurance (PPP) with their loan will receive a total discount of 4% making the APR 13.9%.
- PPP offers the peace of mind and knowledge that monthly payments will be covered if you are off work due to accident, sickness or involuntary unemployment.
- Halifax Drivers Club

If the loan is used for the purchase of a new or used motor vehicle Essex Police staff will automatically qualify for a year's free membership of the Halifax Drivers Club - a comprehensive vehicle breakdown and recovery service provided exclusively for Halifax customers by National Breakdown Recovery Club and offering.

If you're already a member of another motoring organisation then you can defer the start of your membership of Halifax Drivers Club for up to six months and reduce the possibility of any wasted annual premium.

**Competition**

- You have the opportunity to win one of three Suzuki Vitara vehicles when you apply for a loan for the purchase of a motor vehicle.
- The closing date for entries is September 30.
- Competition entry forms will be despatched by Halifax on receipt of your application form.
- For further details on any of the above offers call 0345 626807 or contact the Federation Office at

**Healthy figures for Essex**

ESSEX Police officers are the second healthiest in the country according to new figures just released by the Home Office.

An average 8.4 days were lost per officer in 1993 as a result of sickness compared with 12.9 days in 1990. The figures include the long-term sick and officers who have been on duty.

West Midlands Police came tops in the fitness table with an average of just 6.2 days lost per officer last year - while Leicestershire came bottom with a score of 15.8 days.

Assistant Chief Constable Jim Conlan said Essex Police Officers should be proud of the achievement: “The workloads, productivity and demands on officers have all increased and assaults have risen, but despite this our sickness figures have decreased.”

**Treatment**

Sickness monitoring was introduced in 1992 and Mr Conlan feels that it may have contributed to the drop in figures. Also more officers are returning to work on light duties and many officers are taking advantage of the Occupational Health treatment that is available.

However the sickness picture for Civilian Staff is not so rosy, sickness levels are nearly double that of police officers - an average of 14.8 days were lost per person in 1993. Mr Conlan said he hoped to see an improvement in the figures next year, and believed a percentage could be attributed to inaccuracies in sickness reports - this is currently being investigated.

Working on light duties is also an option open to civilian staff to aid their journey back to work. “If somebody can do four hours a day it’s better for them than sitting at home doing nothing. The more time they spend at home, the less incentive there is for them to return to work.” Mr Conlan added.

Tony Crabb transforms another new vehicle.

MECHANIC Tony Crabb proved to be a top student when he was awarded a trophy for his work at the Colchester Institute.

During a four year apprenticeship with Essex Police he attended the college one day each week and was twice top of the class.

For the 22-year-old's latest endeavours - top student in his final year - he was awarded the Rene Bennett Trophy.

Tony, who has since been taken on full-time by the Headquarters garage as a New Vehicle Preparation Technician, won both trophies.

He said: “I didn’t think I had done very well throughout the last year. I guess I must have stayed awake a bit more than the other college students.”
DOMESTIC assaults deserve the same serious attention as any form of violence. And yet Essex Police admits that in the past it has not taken enough positive steps to combat this common problem.

The appointment of DI Steve Currell as county Domestic Violence Co-ordinator in April this year earmarks the first move towards tackling the ever-increasing number of violence in the county. As an experienced officer with 20 years in the job, she intends to educate other officers dealing with domestics and work with the victims of such attacks.

As a member of the county Domestic Violence Co-ordinator's group, she and her staff have already been involved in setting up a joint initiative in Rayleigh to educate the public about the scheme. Maureen Chaplin, better known as Mo, has taken up the post at Rayleigh as part of a pilot scheme.

The pilot scheme has been successful so far, with officers having been trained in the area of domestic violence and being able to use the system to help victims.

Mo is also involved in a training programme for other police officers, which aims to help them better understand the issues involved in domestic violence.

The success of the pilot scheme has led to the launch of the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator's Group, which aims to provide support and advice to victims of domestic violence.

Mo said: "I am delighted with the progress we have made so far. We have seen a real increase in the number of referrals we are receiving, and we are very pleased with the way in which our staff are responding to these cases.

"We are working closely with the council and other local agencies to ensure that we are providing the best possible support for victims of domestic violence."

The Domestic Violence Co-ordinator's Group is made up of police officers, social workers, and other professionals who work with victims of domestic violence.

Mo is determined to continue to work hard to improve the service provided to victims of domestic violence, and she is confident that the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator's Group will play a key role in achieving this.

Mo said: "We are committed to providing the best possible service to victims of domestic violence, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that we are providing the support they need.

"We are also working closely with other agencies to ensure that we are providing a seamless service to victims of domestic violence, and we are very pleased with the progress we have made so far."
Amusing stories of police life with D-Day veteran

HOW nice it was to see Ex Sgt Jack Duckworth featured in your article on the D-Day Landings in the June edition of The Law.

I brought back many happy memories of the time, when as a young constable, I served under Jack at Hadleigh Police Station.

I am sure that Jack won’t mind sharing with the reader the incidents in which he nearly met his “Normandy” at my hands.

It was back in the distant days when we used to race around in white ‘Mini’ vans. I had just returned to my station from an Elementary Driving Course, clutching a 4th Class Driving Permit.

The passenger seat in the Hadleigh ‘mini’ van was broken and had gone away for repair. To enable us to remain fully operational the seat had been substituted with an upcycled milk crate on which the observer sat. I got behind the wheel and Jack perched himself precariously on the milk crate.

With much reviving of the engine and grating of the gears I managed to engage the 1st gear. Having not yet fully mastered the art of clutch control the van lurched forward suddenly, pipping Jack backwards off the milk crate. Jack ended up lying on his back in the back of the van with his feet sticking up in the air. (I had better not repeat what he then said).

All the very best Jack and to all those Hadleigh Officers of that era whether still serving or retired.

Ex PC Stuart Nunn.
Sunshine on a rainy day

WHEN Valerie Boatwright rang Laindon police in tears after her sunbeds were stolen in a burglary, her Detached Beat Officer leapt to the rescue.

Disstraught Valerie had been saving hard for the reclining sunbeds and had packed them in her car -a- van ready for a holiday at Great Yarmouth.

She totally cleared out the caravan and took everything from the teapot to the fire extinguisher," said Valerie.

Saddened by her plight, local officer Pc Diane Capon picked up the phone and rang Damar Leisure in Wickford to ask if they could help.

The generous company jumped at the chance and offered Valerie two replacement sunbeds worth a total of £90 for free.

Direct, David Brightman said, "We were pleased to spread some goodwill in the community and help a stranger." He knew that she couldn't afford to replace the sunbeds and we were in a position to help."

This gave rise to a spontaneous visit to the luxurious caravan. Valerie were they have been kind and have stayed in touch throughout, I'm full of praise for them," she said.

Not back in time

POLICE officers of all eras will no doubt be sad to hear of the death of the legendary Staff Sgt Harold Goose at the grand age of 92.

Harold was a renowned character from the time he joined the Essex Constabulary in 1925. Serving at Harwich, Braintree, Coggeshall, Grays and Headquaters, he was awarded the Merit star in 1934.

The award was for: "His action in endevouring to secure, single handed, the arrest of three men at Feering, and his diligence in subsequently arresting one of them, who were convicted of warehouse breaking at the London ses- sions and sentenced to 15 months hard labour."

In 1940 Harold was pro- moted to sergeant and was stationed in Romford for five years before retiring in 1950.

Questioned

When questioned about his merit award, a couple of years ago at his Cambridge home, recounted the tale. It was as Constable 222 that he saved a Hillman Straight Eight parked near Ward's Lock Up Store in Feering Road.

Seeing a man approach at about 4.15am he ques- tioned him. Two other men joined in and a struggle developed.

When a passing lorry driver heard him calling for assistance the men ran off. Goose managed to get set off in pursuit having started the Hillman, and flashed two of the men out into the hands of his colleagues.

He was far from pleased when his sergeant suggest- ed he might be prosecuted for taking the Hillman without the owner's con- sent and spotting any fin- gertips.

It was the next morning that he was on his cycle when he spotted the third man walking in a field and arrested him.

He then held up his hand to a passing car shouting "in the King's name stop". After a debate the driver agreed to help if his petrol was paid for.

The ways of Goose were simple. When he was first posted to Coggeshall the local yobs would sing Goosey, Goosey Gander as they cycled home from the pub at Eatts Colne.

One Saturday night there was a ght in the hedge, which might have been the numbers on his helmet, or a thing the size and weight of a police oiled cape hit one of the cyclists who fell into the road.

Subsequent enquiries failed to establish what hit them but the nursery rhyme wasn't so popular after that.

Shades and aged 92

CREW members of the Essex Police helicopter say they are thrilled with a new piece of equipment that has been installed on it.

An onboard thermal imaging camera, simi- lar to that used by the fire service to detect people in smoke filled rooms, will help the crew locate missing people, prisoners and suspects that have made off.

The camera picks out items that are warmer than others, for exam- ple in a scenario of a body in a field, the body will stand out more than the field as it is warmer. Another example would be an abandoned car used in a robbery, the station- ary car would be hot and again would stand out through the camera.

The thermal imaging camera works particu- larly well at night when the ground tem- perature is significant- ly lower.

Built into the housing of the camera is also a normal camera, both cameras can be monitored by crew mem- bers on their personal mini- tv monitors. There is also the capability of video recording any of the camera footage, which can be used in court if necessary.

High technology

Lunch date is altered

A Classified squad of several Force means the date for the Essex Police helicopter. "This camera is a tremen- dous piece of kit, we are now on par with other police helicopter units in the country." The new date has been fixed for Friday, October 28, 12 noon for 1pm.

When sending your book or form to show a show for example to the Essex Police helicopter.

Please also be advised to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Benevolent Fund update

CHANGES to the divisional layout of the county means a modernisation of representatives for the Support Staff Benevolent fund.

The scheme which is a registered charity, was previously known as the Civilian Staff Welfare Fund and is financed by subscriptions from over 1,000 civilian staff. Payments are made to serving civilian employees and also ex-staff who find themselves in financial difficulties.

Funds have been made available in the past for people who had to find money for travelling to receive medical treatment and with debts arising from mortgage and council rent payments.

The list of local representatives has changed in force until November when the election of new offi- cers for the posts will take place. Any officers inter- ested in applying should consult with their divisional/department manager.

Sergeant Goose dies, aged 92

The Essex Police helicopter crew are thrilled with the new thermal imaging camera that has been installed on the helicopter.

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The helicopter is equipped with a recording camera, which can be used in court if necessary.

Air Support Unit boss, Inspector Mike Walker said: "This camera is a tremendous piece of kit, we are now on par with other police helicopter units in the country."

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SPECTACULAR! The three emergency services put their skills to the test as they stage a major rescue in front of Fun Day crowds.

TRAVELLING IN STYLE. Baby Aaron Watson spent his first Fun Day in comfort as he dined in the warm sun. And it wasn't far to go home for the five-month-old Springfield tot.

ICE COOL. Yvonne Lyons from Great Budworth discovers the best way to beat the heat. She was one of the lucky visitors who was able to buy an ice cream before they sold out.

THE ICE CREAM sold out at this year's Essex Police Fun Day after record numbers of people attended the popular charity event held at Police Headquarters in Chelmsford.

With scorching temperatures reaching 25°c favourite there were queues for ice-cream and soft drinks and also plenty of people suffering from sunburn thanks to the unending sunshine.

Hundreds of people took advantage of the park and ride scheme and journeyed by bus to the event which had a rousing start at 11am courtesy of the Essex Police Band which delighted crowds throughout the day.

Arena events included the Cullpepper Wild West Show, the Essex Fire and Rescue Pyre Band and the "999 Spectacular" featuring members of all three emergency services.

Photos by Ian Deal and Les Brand

GOING, GOING GONE. A Southend officer gets wet wet wet as he is successfully dipped into a tub of ice cold water by a sure shot visitor.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. English check that the merchild
surprises were store for visitors including a fly-past by a F Nimrod which circled the air for nearly 15 minutes.

The show also took on a more rural feel with organisers introducing more animals to the show including shire horses, pigs and cows.

Chief Constable, John Burrow added his support to the event by calling it "a first class event." He said that the highlight for him had been the successful tipping of the water onto the side of freezing water on one of the show's stalls. "It gave me great pleasure," he added.

Thousands of pounds are expected to have been raised by the event and the organisers wish to thank everyone who took part and supported the event in any way.

Autograph hunters were out in force too, eager to meet The Bill's Tony Stamp, alias Graham Cole, who spent several hours in the event.

Fun Day chairman David Bright said the event had gone very well and that the increase in numbers had showed that they had got the combination right. "When people come along to this event they know that they'll have a good day, everything including the admission is reasonably priced and there's plenty of variety for everyone," he said.

Many charity stall holders were full of praise for the Fun Day, Caroline Jacob from the Chelmsford Playbus, to which many cakes were donated and sold, said, "It's been a great day, we had lots of people asking for information about the playbus and we've made the most amount of money than ever before, I can't wait till next year."

Winners of the Essex Police Hi-Tech Football Challenge were RA Butler School, from Harlow, for the senior and Great Wakering School for the...
Ringing the changes

A DETACHED Beat Officer has turned up after being present- ed with a mobile phone so villagers can contact him wherever he may be. But it is unlikely that Pc Dave Manders will get a flash car to go Find out for yourself by having a go with the phone - he's more likely to be seen on his push bike patrolling the Great Waltham area. Pleshey Parish Councillors thought up the idea to buy the phone and Railleys, the Essex brewer has chipped in to pay the monthly air-time bill. The initiative is believed to be the first of its kind in the country. Now when Dave is on patrol covering the 25 square miles of his beat, vili- nagers can still have a direct line to him. Technology can now transfer any calls received at his office in Gr. Waltham to his mobile phone. Pc Manders said: "We are providing a far higher quality of service to the public by always being contactable. The scheme has had a very good response from the people in the area, it's much more convenient than con- tinuing leaving messages for me."
JUNE provided us with a breathing space following a hectic series of May concerts which culminated in our visit to Croissy sur Seine.

Reports of the activities of some of the choir members which appeared in our ‘in house’ journal Paris News have brought threats of legal action against the editor. She is prepared to fight these vigorously on the grounds that every word is a totally true and accurate record of their conduct.

We have now had the opportunity to look at some new music and our membership of the National Association of Choirs has provided us with a source for copies of Perhaps Love by John Denver. These have come from the USA via Norwich and are the four part harmony versions sung by the Royal Hong Kong Police Choir in Canada last year, and which proved so popular with our members.

Finally our well wishes go to Fred Dyson who has not been with us for a few weeks following a severe angina attack but who, we are happy to learn, is making a good recovery.

Roger Grimwade.

Animal magic at Essex Show

IT COULD have been a scene from one man and his dog last month when Pc. Dave Frost and his dog ‘Max’ delighted crowds at the annual Essex Show in Great Leighs.

The twosome competed with other dogs and handlers from the other five dog sections around the county for the Burrow Cup. Dave and Max from South Ockendon took part in the National Obedience and Criminal Work Test and passed with flying colours, scooping up the cup.

Meanwhile on horseback, Pc. Michael Caunce galloped towards success and won the Essex Challenge Shield with his horse Colossus. Other forces including the City Of London and Norfolk took part in the competition in which the horse and rider had to complete a course whilst dealing with noise and diversions, horses were also judged on dressage.

Crowds also flocked to see the Essex Police stand which had been devised by Public Relations Officer Fred Feather.

ABOVE LEFT: Pc Michael Caunce, winner of the Essex Challenge Shield receives his award from Deputy Chief Constable Jim Dickinson. Colossus is his faithful companion.

ABOVE: Burrow Cup winner - South Ockendon’s Pc Dave Frost with Max. LEFT: Having a lolly good time - a visitor to the show meets an Essex Police diver.
On a warm, sunny afternoon in May, a walk around the outskirts of the town. During our walk, many places of interest pointed out to us, including an area off Church Street where the Quakers had settled. This was identified by some of the names on the buildings. Then there was the Roman wall overlooking Barnake Hill with its two stories, one for the people and the other for the cats to pass through. Close to this was the remains of the Roman Gvast Room.

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**TO RENT.** Three bedroom semi, unfurnished, Rochford, £350 per month. Contact Sgt Hegarty on 0702 431212 Ednet 6230 or 0702 531092. Available from July 9.

**Sergeant Gordon Muir bids farewell to Keith Southgate and wife Kathleen.**

**OVER 160 friends, colleagues and devoting more time to his family and...**
Winning walkers
A TEAM of four Essex officers took part in the Police National Long Distance Walking Challenge 25 in 5 last month at the Metropolitan Police Training Centre in Hendon.
Denis Sheppard, Steve King, John McCabe and Dave Gillies were competitors in the 25 mile race in which all finished under six hours. 15 miles receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Denis and Steve started quickly within three minutes of each other with Denis set on finishing in the top ten with a target of just under five hours.
It was a hot day and of the 53 starters only 42 completed the course. Denis hit a bad patch about three miles from home, but stuck it to become the first Essex finisher.
Steve waded a steady, consistent race in the Essex No2 slot. John and Dave kept together and on schedule until about two miles from home when Dave hit 'The Wall' and was forced to slow down, with his normal determination he carried on to finish about nine minutes behind John.
Each team has four for third team of four and Steve Won the cup for first novice. All in all a successful day. Denis Sheppard 5:36:23 (30th) Steve King 4:51:12 (10th) John McCabe 4:55:24 (21st) Dave Gillies 5:10:26 (25th)

Swimming selection
PC Michelle Post Chelmsford has been selected to represent the British Police at swimming on August 5 in Portsmouth, against the Combined Forces and Combined Services.
A TRIP to Amsterdam is being arranged for November 24.
The coach will leave Headquarters at 9.30pm with a ferry crossing from Pteissiotto to Belgium point before 10pm.

Tour to Amsterdam
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The remainder of the weekend is free for you to explore the City. Leave Amsterdam about midday on November 27 and travel by coach to Caister and hotel for the night. Flight back to Chelmsford at about 11pm.

Force Swimming Association
Selections for the four sports: Cricket, Squash, Swimming and Basketball are to be held at Chelmsford Police Station, 5 Chelmsford Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 5DQ on Saturday 1st November.

The selection will include all travel and ferry costs, bed and breakfast in a good quality City hotel.

There are no baits banned but there will be two restrictions: No fishing with dead and a worm and the other a wormless bait.

Croker Cup update
DARTS: Colchester beat Thurrock.
Golf: Will be held at Ballasoe Golf Club, Ceredigion, starting at 2pm Thursday, September 22.
Further information can be obtained from DS John Keyney, Canvey or the Force Sports Secretary.

Croker Cup update
Billsford, Southend obtained a walkover against Headquarters. No Croker Cup points to Headquarters.

The following Croker Cup matches should have been played by 1st June 1994. As the results have not yet been given to the Force Secretary, it will be assumed that they have not been played and the teams will be awarded the away Division.

Billsford Southend - no Croker Cup points to Billsford.
Bowling: Southend w/o Thurrock - no Croker Cup points to Thurrock.
Cricket: Rayleigh w/o Southend - no Croker Cup points to Southend.
Squash: Thurrock w/o Chelmsford - no Croker Cup points to Chelmsford.

No Croker Cup points to Southend.
Table Tennis: Thurrock v Marlow - no Croker Cup points to Barley; Southend v Headquarters - no Croker Cup points to Headquarters.

Proposed rule change
TO BE DISCUSSED at the next Executive meeting of the Essex Police Sports Association is Appendix 4. Croker Cup Competition, para 4. The winning club in each sport - 12 points; to the second club - 10 points; to the third club - 8 points; to the fourth club - 6 points; to the fifth club - 4 points; to the sixth club - 2 points; to the seventh club - 1 point.

There were no competitors from Headquarters, Braintree, Colchester and Thurrock. Several of the other Divisions put other teams, but these have not counted towards Croker Cup points.

Ferrers discount
MEMBERS of the Force Sports Association, Police Officers, civilian staff and Special Constables can now obtain a 15% discount on all 1994 Sally ferry bookings (excluding hotel and Commodore Class bookings) to France and Belgium.
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Golfers retain the trophy

A NUMBER of players travelled to Holland on June 12 to play in the third European Police Golf Championships. The team was to defend the Nuclear Electric Cup which it had won in France during 1993 and the inaugural Championship in 1992. The Championships were to be held between June 15 and 17 at three different championship courses, the conclusion day's golf being played at the Golf Club de Kennemer, which is used as a venue for the Dutch Open.

This year our opposition were teams from France, Holland, Denmark and for the first time, a very strong team from Finland.

Having arrived in Holland, the team was met by Dick Van der Pluym the Dutch captain and members of his team, at the Detective Training School in Zaiphen which was to be our base for two days.

After practice rounds on Monday and Tuesday, the teams travelled to the Town Hall at Amstelveen where we were met by the Mayor. A buffet dinner followed the welcoming speeches, after which the teams travelled to the tour Hotel Mercure in Amsterdam.

Consistent

Wednesday morning arrived, a meeting of the tour Committee, consisting of Tony Kitching, Paul Stanley, Keith Southgate and John Keyley reflected on the previous two days play for the team selection. There had been consistent play from a number of players, in particular, John Woods, Martin Orley, Roger Culham and Martin Mascura.

The golf club Ammerderhout was our first venue, with good weather, the team was confident of retrieving a sufficient number of Strokeford points.

Although each team's total points score was not divulged during the evening's dinner, it transpired later that the Essex team had a small lead over our Dutch hosts. There were good performances from Bob Hayes, Roger Culham and John Woods. Keith Gurney was showing good form approaching the second day.

We travelled to the Golf Club Batevree on Thursday. Consistency was always going to be important during the championships. At the end of the second day's play, good scores had been returned by the team, in particular, Graham Snellin and Keith Gurney. Keith had confirmed his selection in the team, which was to go into the last day's play with a small lead of 23 points.

The Dutch team were still lying in the last day's play with a small lead of 25 points. The team prize was to be outside the top ten but like many, confessed his third win in as many years. Steve Wigglesworth (West Yorkshire) who finished with a very good time of 56 mins 43 secs to go to the top of the leader board.

His top spot was to be short lived as Graham Snellin knocked off five minutes after Wigglesworth was gaining on him and apparently revelling in the poor conditions. He went on to finish in 55mins 54secs and looked set for a third consecutive championships win.

Doug Howes (Cleveland) was third last year and was destined for the same colour medal this year with another good performance to record 58mins 34secs. The expected challenge from Nick Jarweth (Gloucestershire) that Wigglesworth (Gloucester) failed to materialise and with our own Mick St Leger sidelined with Bronchitis, Snellin picked up his third win in as many years.

Mike Kliskey was disappointed to be outside the top ten but like many, confessed to a dislike of the poor conditions. It was also good to see Tim Turner (Ongar) back in action again after his very serious road accident a couple of years ago. The team prize for the force with the best aggregate of the three riders went for the first time to West Yorkshire.

The weather for the 10 mile championships was again to play a big part but for this event it was hot, humid and very windy. Essex were the hosts of the ten mile championship and chose a tough testing course at Ayrthorpe Roding.

As before all the likely medalists were riding including Rick St Leger (Stansted Airport) who had recovered from his illness but was still behind with his training.

Many riders confessed to having problems with the very high humidity including some of the top contenders. Steve Wigglesworth (W.Yorks) was the first to post a potential winning time. His 22 mins 41 secs was nearly a minute faster than any before him.

On the course a half way check showed Graham Snellin (Saffron Walden) to be dead level with Wigglesworth and over the closing miles he pulled back to edge him out by just two seconds, finishing in 22 mins 39 secs.

All eyes were now on Nick Jarweth (Gloucester) who admits to being better at the ten mile discipline. He was a handful of seconds up on Snellin at halfway and continued to trend to finish with 22 mins 22 secs for his first win in the 10. Mike Kliskey (Air Support) found some good form and claimed fifth place with 23 mins 39 secs and backed up by St Leger's 24 mins 3 secs.

Essex won the team prize for the second year. After the presentation of the trophies and other prizes to the other competitors and their families and friends enjoyed a buffet and prize presentation by Mr Markham (Essex A.C.C.) at a nearby Public House where much orange juice and lemonade was consumed!!

Weekend winner

THE lucky winner of a weekend break at the luxurious Selsdon Park country house hotel in Surrey, is Julie-Ann Dabb's, of Burdett Avenue, Westcliff.

Julie-Ann was picked from over 100 entries, and will now be able to enjoy the excellent leisure facilities including an 18-hole championship golf course and tennis courts in beautiful surroundings.

For those not lucky enough to win the competition don't forget that Selsdon Park is still offering special weekend rates to police officers and civilians. See your June Law for details.