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Suky wins a Passage to India

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Pc. Suky Kalar

FILM BUFF Pc. Sukhvinder Kalar has become a star in his own right, winning a national TV quiz show.

Corringham-based Pc. Kalar, or Suky as he is known, swotted up on Indian films to win BBC 2's "Bollywood or Bust" title, scoring a show record of 54 points in the final.

He wins a two-week trip to India with his wife Manjinder, staying in a top class hotel in Bombay, touring the major film studios and meeting the country's best-known actors and actresses.

Sixteen contestants were chosen for the first round of the show from a total of 1,200 applicants, following a series of tests and auditions at the Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham.

Suky, an Essex Pc. for nearly five years, said, "I have faced a few situations in this job, but being on the programme was as nerve-wracking as anything."

Although English-born, Suky's Indian background meant he grew up with Indian films, but he is also pretty clued-up on British films.

Despite this knowledge, winning the title did not come easily. "It was a tough competition and I had to put in six hours hard graft a day for the last few weeks to win the programme," said Suky.

The final is due to be screened on BBC2 at 6pm on December 17.



SANTA, alias Pc. Laurie Pipe, in his grotto with six little imps - Chloe Larman, Teifion Sussex, Ian Ranbird, Dean Watts, Rachel Cantle and Westley Wray, all five years old. Picture by Ian Deal.

HO HO HO What have we 'ere then? Benfleet youngsters were on best behaviour last week when Father Christmas called into Kent Hills Infants School to spread some Christmas cheer.

But the Jolly Santa lurking in his grotto seemed strangely familiar, in fact it was off duty policeman Laurie Pipe from Southend.

He volunteered to help the real Father Christmas who was busy in Lapland preparing for his forthcoming deliveries.

Laurie, whose own child Charlotte goes to the school, was delighted to help for a third year.

Head Teacher Ann Bull said, "It's very kind of him, he's such a good Father Christmas. He's so cuddly even the mums can't resist him".

by Ian Deal

DETECTIVES investigating the brutal murder of Chelmsford pensioner Ron Cousins have been overwhelmed by the response to a TV reconstruction showing the lead up to his untimely death.

The baffling eight month old inquiry had left detectives with little to go on and the reconstruction on BBC TV's Crimewatch programme was seen as the last resort to help find the killer.

Detective Superintendent Ivan Dibley, who is leading the hunt for the murderer said he was "thrilled" with the response to the programme. Initially a total of 40 calls had been received both at the television studio in London and at Police Headquarters immediately following the broadcast but since then the total has leapt to over 80.

Ron Cousins was found dead at his home in

Chelmsford on the night of April 15. He had been strangled, covered in white paint and had pages of the family bible stuffed in his mouth as a gag.

Dc. Ernie Carr from the Force Intelligence Bureau said, "The response was far better than we thought it would be, we didn't imagine that an enquiry which is eight months old would receive such a good response."

The Crimewatch reconstruction shown on December 2 centred around the last day of Ron Cousins' life.

It showed a man in his 20s with fair to brown straight shoulder-length hair who police want to identify. He was seen sev-



Ron Cousins

eral times between 5.45pm and 8.10pm on the evening of the murder hanging around in Anchor Street, where 78-year-old Ron had lived all his life.

Dc. Carr said, "A lot of the information received was very interesting and was completely new to us."

"Many of the callers suggested the name of the person we are looking for which has proved invaluable towards helping with our continuing efforts to find the person responsible for this sickening crime."

An incident room has been set up this week at Chelmsford Police Station to start the sift of information generated from the reconstruction.

Child cases take Fast track to justice

A NEW system designed to reduce the trauma suffered by child victims and witnesses by bringing cases to court quicker is being introduced in Essex in the New Year.

Once a case enters the Fast Tracking system, a timetable will be laid down to ensure it is ready for committal or transfer to Crown Court within around six weeks.

The aim is to allow children who have to give evidence to do so as soon as possible, so they can start to put their experiences behind them, and to eradicate situations where, in the past, cases have taken months

or even years to come to trial.

A similar scheme was launched in Peterborough last year. Police representatives from Criminal Justice Dept., CSB Child Protection, and Prosecutions have liaised with the Crown Prosecution Service and Crown Court Judge Brian Watling to devise the Essex system.

Fast Tracking will apply to the following:

- Cases of a sexual nature where a victim or witness is aged under 18 at the time of the investigation;
- Cases of serious physical assault where a victim or witness is

aged under 16 at time of investigation;

- Cases of physical assault where the victim is under 16 and considered particularly vulnerable.

- Cases of child neglect where the child is to be a witness.

Head of Community Services Branch, Det. Chf. Insp. Brian Storey said, "It is a step to reduce the trauma for child abuse victims and vulnerable child witnesses in having to wait for matters to come before court. Fast Tracking sets targets for achieving progress of these cases."

"Ideally we would like every case to be dealt with more quickly, but

some have to take priority and it is right that child abuse cases do so.

"Everyone in the court process is involved, so it will speed up a file's progress to the DPU and CPS, and the process of plea and direction hearings at Crown Court," he said.

The aim is to identify a case for Fast Track at the earliest opportunity. The defendant will be notified that the case has entered the system.

An Essex Police Policy Guideline, giving full details of Fast Tracking, is due to be published shortly. For further information, contact Insp. Liz Saunders, Crown Court liaison, on Ednet 3529 or DCI Storey on Ednet 2782.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers

FEDERATION NOTES . . . FEDERATION NOTES . . .

Pay negotiations clarified

SOME of our members still do not seem to be clear on what happened with regard to the pay negotiations, especially in relation to the discount of the first half hour and the changes in the rest day allocation.

The Police Negotiating Board (PNB) were tasked with the job of deciding on the new conditions based on the official side's proposals that were put before the Sheehy Inquiry. The Home Secretary indicated that any changes should be met within the current pay bill for the police service.

In order to achieve that objective, there will be a need to re-structure the remuneration package to raise £68 million. You will remember that the Home Secretary said there will be no new money available to the police service for the foreseeable future and the whole basis of Sheehy was, after all, to reduce spending.

An update given recently by the General Secretary of the Police Federation read as follows:

"The Staff side examined a number of options, which included a discount on the percentage increase to come in September 1994, selling back a day's annual leave, changes to the overtime regulations and, following an Official Side paper, the removal of some allowances.

The Staff Side opted for changes to the overtime regulations and the abolition of a small number of allowances. On behalf, and with the full consent, of the Staff Side, the General Secretary offered to discount the first 30 minutes of casual overtime on four occasions in a seven day period.

That offer accepted on the proviso that it should be combined with a reduction in the notice for a re-rostering from 28 days to 14 days and double time payment for working on a rest day with less than eight days notice

and no additional pay in lieu.

The Staff Side accepted and the Secretary was charged with setting a price tag to the agreed changes.

The following was secured: Discounting first half hour's casual overtime - £30m; Reducing 28 days to 14 days - £16m; Double time with less than eight days - £16m; Allowances given up - £4.9m - Total - £66.9m

Discounting first half hour casual overtime: This is a key area and involved taking from OME data all overtime paid in 1992 excluding Bank Holiday and rest day working. The figure was then enhanced by 1.5 per cent to take account of the 1993 pay award. The Official Side was then persuaded that the majority of overtime worked was casual and not pre-determined.

Reducing 28 days to 14 days: The General Secretary argued that this was worth a substantial sum, both in cash terms and in the degree of flexibility such an arrangement would produce and secured the above sum.

Double time less than eight days notice: We were effectively giving up half a days toil in this instance and again, as in the two previous headings, used the data from the OME survey.

Allowances: The major proportion of the savings, some £3.7m, came from changes to the National Health reimbursements. However, we will continue to receive reimbursement for injury on duty or duty related illness.

The exact amount of savings will not be known for some 12 months but with some 20,000 assaults per year on police officers and

Motion on private security

THE review undertaken by the Ingrid Posen Group at the Home Office into core and ancillary tasks of the Home Office has just submitted its draft joint response and you may well have seen parts of that response highlighted in last week's edition of *Police Review*.

It is only a draft and the official report is anticipated to be published early in the New Year.

At first sight, it would appear not to be as bad as first thought and, in fact, the roles that are being looked at, which have still not been agreed, are only on the periphery and do not reflect main line policing.

The Police Federation

countless other duty-related injuries, I suspect the savings will be small.

The eventual settlement in respect of the sergeants rank was £1 below the claim tabled by the Staff Side.

The settlement for the constables was not as close as the sergeants, but produced substantial improvements by providing additional cash at each incremental point and reducing the scale from 15 to 14 points.

The total cost of the pay settlement, excluding the 3 per cent uplift, for constables and sergeants was £50m. The General Secretary remains

is still concerned, however, with regard to not only the core and ancillary tasks but to the possible privatisation of certain jobs, either by civilianisation or by use of the private security industry.

To this end, the National Committee has submitted evidence to the inquiry on the private security industry. Also, for your information, your Joint Branch Board, at its recent meeting, decided to sponsor three motions for next years National Conference with regard to the private security industry.

When we have finalised the wording of these motions, I will report further in my article in *The Law*.

convinced that the Staff Side produced an excellent settlement and that the £69.7m saving is grossly exaggerated."

For the information of members of the Federation in Essex, can I say that your Joint Branch Board has sponsored a motion to the May Conference 1995 with regard to discounting the first half hour of casual overtime. Along with our colleagues from Surrey we will be asking for the reinstatement of payment for the first half hour.

entitled on promotion to the rank of Inspector.

In our view, where a member of the substantive rank of Sergeant is acting up in the rank of either Inspector or Chief Inspector then on any day in respect of which he/she is entitled to the temporary salary of an Inspector he/she will be entitled to calculate any rest day working allowance also by reference to the temporary salary enjoyed by reason of acting up".

allowance payable, this is determined, as meaning a sixteenth of a days pay for each completed 15 minutes of duty on a Public Holiday".

Assuming that the sergeant in question "acts up" on the relevant Bank Holiday for "his normal daily period of duty" then he would be entitled to be paid for that day "at a rate equal to the lowest rate of pay to which he would be



By Brian Pallant

Police pension

The decision with regard to the Coloroll case was made public on the 28th September by the European Court. As a result of that decision, the judgement, which is complex, was sent by the Joint Central Committee Secretary for legal advice.

Counsel David Pannick advises against the further pursuit of the applications filed in the Industrial Tribunal.

However, he does go on to express the view that he would be very surprised if the court accepted that the use of actuarial tablets was prohibited in the Police scheme.

The use of actuarial factors differing according to sex in funded defined benefit occupational pension schemes does not fall within the scope of Article 119 of the EEC Treaty. This conclusion was confirmed by the Court in its judgement on the Coloroll case in September.

The Court explained that Article 119 does not cover:

1. Inequality of employers contributions due to the use of actuarial factors.
2. The use of actuarial factors in the conversion of part of the periodic pension into a capital sum and the transfer of pension rights, whose value depends on the funding arrangements that are chosen.
3. The use of actuarial factors leading to inequalities in the amounts of capital benefits or substitute benefits whose value can be determined only on the basis of the arrangements chosen for funding the scheme.

The only difference between the Coloroll scheme and the Police scheme is, of course, that the Police scheme is not a funded scheme. However, as you will see above, Counsel's opinion is that it would probably be dealt with in the same way.

A lucky escape



ON THE MEND: Lucky the badger. Photograph copyright B.G. Wright.

WHEN an 18 month old sow badger was hit by a car in Takeley, animal-loving Essex officers quickly came to the rescue - writes Dunmow Wildlife Liaison Officer Pc Barry Wright.

After the driver called police, Dunmow Pcs Neville Hayden and Alison Cohen spent the next hour and a half attempting to catch it, helped by members from the local badger group.

Injured wild badgers can be very vicious, but with caution, perseverance and patience, she was eventually caught and placed struggling into a sack.

The badger was then taken to a local vets surgery 'Mercer and Hughes', where she was anaesthetised.

An x-ray revealed that her jaw was broken in two places - one clean break and one quite shattered. Fortunately the veterinary team were able to wire up the jaw.

A home was then found for her whilst she recovered in the back garden of two badger group members from Thaxted, Dave and Penny Start. They named the badger 'Lucky', she was cared for (pampered) for about five weeks and then the wires were removed from her jaw. The operation had been a complete success.

She was kept for a further couple of weeks until she recovered from her second operation.

The decision was then made that Lucky should be released back to her sett. At midnight a group of us trudged across a field in pouring rain with Lucky fast asleep in a box.

Eventually she wandered out and scuttled off along a well worn badger track to the sett. It was a moment of mixed emotions for everyone there but deep down it was lovely to see her going back 'home'. It was one of those magic moments.

Jailbirds fly off



LEGGING IT: Airport-based Pcs June Saunders and Steve Daly, with Jon Dunning from Stansted Airport Cars, make their getaway to Spain in the Jailbreak, courtesy of British World Airlines.

TEAMS from Essex Police escaped with two awards when the presentations for the annual charity Jailbreak took place earlier this month.

The three-strong team from Laindon Traffic took the trophy for the furthest distance covered by land and sea, after reaching Basildon's German twin town Heiligenhaus in the time allowed. And a team from Stansted Airport Police took the runners-up prize in the overall furthest distance travelled category, after flying to Alicante in Spain. A third police team, from Grays, reached Amsterdam.

The Jailbreak, organised by the Essex Association of Boys Clubs, took place in October. Teams set out from Chelmsford Prison with the aim of travelling as far as possible by midnight.

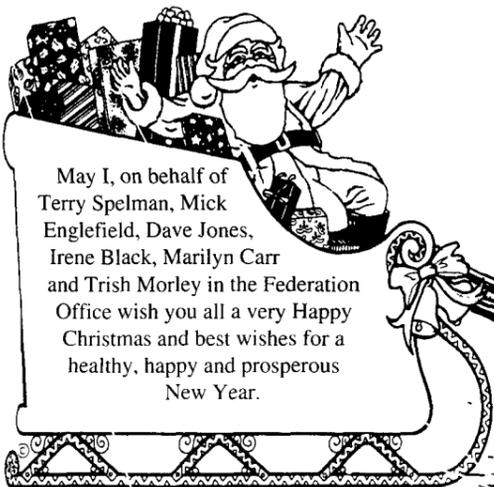
Overtime rates for sergeants acting up

THERE has been some confusion as to whether Regulation 38, which relates to acting up duties, has been changed with regard to compensation for

sergeants acting up to inspector.

Legal advice has been obtained by the Sergeants Central Committee:

Insofar as calculating the



May I, on behalf of Terry Spelman, Mick Englefield, Dave Jones, Irene Black, Marilyn Carr and Trish Morley in the Federation Office wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.



Violence flares at Essex hunt

Big Al has some tails to tell

TWO FAMILIAR faces retired from Essex Police last week and between them they can remember many shaggy dog stories.

Pc. Alan Gilfillan and his partner in crime 'Casper' the Springer Spaniel decided to go walkies into retirement after Alan put in 34 years with the service.

Alan joined the Dog Section in 1965, just eight years after it had been formed and became heavily involved in dog training for general police work and for drug searches.

Springer

Alan said he had many happy and funny memories with the section and remembers one incident with his first Springer Spaniel, Eric, the first trained drug search dog in the county who died last year.

"One Sunday morning about 15 years ago we were called to a very posh house in the county and we started searching out the kitchen.

"Eric became excited and indicated towards the fridge, behind a lump of cheese was an envelope which contained cigarette papers impregnated with cannabis oil.

"Unfortunately Eric then got hold of a shoulder of lamb out of the fridge, it took some tugging to retrieve it from him. I then spent sometime smoothing out the teeth marks to hide the evidence. I think people remember Eric better than they did me."

Dog Section boss, Inspector Rod Barrett said Alan, known affectionately by his colleagues as 'Big Al', was "a traditional police officer with very high values, who made a valu-



HERE'S LICKING AT YOU: Alan and Casper look forward to retirement. Picture courtesy of the East Anglian Daily Times.

able contribution to dog handling and training"

Now Alan and Casper, who lives with the family, are both looking forward to many lazy days fishing

beside Hanningfield Reservoir. Alan's hobbies also include being President of the Great Baddow Dog Club where he helps train domestic dogs.

THIRTY-THREE people were arrested in Essex following a series of violent clashes during the first major demonstration by hunt saboteurs since the introduction of the new Criminal Justice and Public Order Act.

Up to 300 protesters turned out in a bid to stop the Essex Foxhounds hunting at Good Easter, near Chelmsford, last month.

Two police officers were injured and required hospital treatment. More than 100 officers were deployed from all over the county to try to keep the situation under control.

Chelmsford-based Sergeant John Hayter was kicked unconscious and was treated for concussion, and Pc. Kenneth Crawley suffered a fractured wrist during a struggle.

With the disturbances spread over a wide area, the force helicopter was also deployed to monitor the movement of the hunt and the demonstrators.

Saboteurs had threatened mass action to demonstrate their opposition to the Act, which they claim infringes civil liberties. Police fears were confirmed when protesters started gathering at the

South Mimms service station on the M25, before moving off into Essex

The controversial legislation, which came into force last month, created a new offence of "aggravated trespass", applicable when a trespasser "obstructs, disrupts or intimidates" a lawful activity or those intending to take part in it.

A total of 22 people were charged with aggravated trespass following the protest, seven were charged with public order offences and two with causing grievous bodily harm.

Little to rave about

A SENIOR Essex officer believes new legislation aimed at clamping down on unlicensed rave parties will not solve the policing problems they cause.

Rayleigh-based Detective Chief Inspector Ray Newman, writing in *Police Review*, says the provisions of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act provide little practical help to the police in dealing with unlawful raves.

The main flaw, in Mr. Newman's personal view, is that the legislation only covers events held wholly or partially in the open air.

A recent all-night party held in a bungalow in the Rayleigh division and attended by some 200 people highlighted this issue. Despite the

disturbance caused to residents, the police were powerless under the new legislation to intervene.

The new Act allows police to remove people attending or preparing for an unlicensed rave, to seize sound equipment and to turn back those on route within five miles of the event.

However, the legislation defines a rave as a gathering on land in the open air of 100 or more persons at which amplified music is played during the night which is likely to cause serious distress to residents.

This means indoor premises such as factories, warehouses and aircraft hangars fall outside the legislation.

Further, Mr. Newman says, the police have to make a judgement as to the level of

distress. "Some distress is not enough, it must be 'serious distress'. That distress must relate to the inhabitants of the locality, not simply those passing through.

"This takes no account that raves have been set up under motorway flyovers and in fields away from towns and villages."

Mr. Newman, who previously headed the regional pay-party intelligence unit, said "We seem to have been landed with a dual system for dealing with raves, depending on whether they are indoors or outside. The operational problems are similar, but the powers to resolve them are quite different."

Mr. Newman said the publication of a national guide, setting health and safety standards for such events, has given promoters a standard to work to, which is likely to lead to more public entertainment licences being granted.

"In my view the existence of legal raves will do more to put an end to this problem than any new police powers," he concluded.

Kids take off to Stansted

TIME just flew by for one group of school children who went on a visit to Stansted Airport Police Station last month.

The special treat for the two classes of children from Great Chesterford School was arranged by airport officer Dc. Doug Perry who provided a guided tour.

Children were shown around the cells, shown how fingerprints are used, sat in a police Landrover and couldn't miss seeing a few planes.

The children were so grateful for their visit that they all sent thank you letters - one lad said his favourite part of the visit was when the teacher was locked in the police cell!

Off beat

Festive Frolics

SAFFRON WALDEN police officers raced to a local car showroom at 5am when its alarm bell was reported ringing.

The officers arrived hoping to catch the thieves in the act only to be confronted with an inflatable Father Christmas which had toppled over onto an infra-red sensor in the showroom.

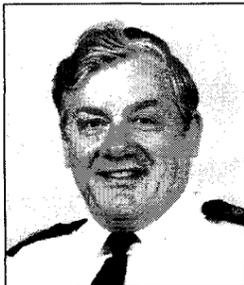
Down to earth

AN officer from Brentwood had a bumpy landing when he arrived at the station by motorbike to start work. As he went through the automatic barrier it came down on his head, but worse was to come, it then got caught under his crash helmet, the barrier then began to raise and pulled him off his motorbike.

The officer escaped with a bump on the head and grazing.

Christmas Greetings to you all

From Chief Constable John Burrow



1994 has proved to be another turbulent year for the Police Service.

Some of the anxieties arising from the Government's reform programme and the restructuring of the Force have been removed, others remain.

The introduction of appraisal related pay, the impact of the changes on career opportunities, and the changes in the financing of forces through a

new funding formula still give rise to concerns.

It would have been understandable if during such a period of change the Service, concerned with internal problems, had itself turned inward. That this did not happen is a tribute to you all.

Essex Police continued to look outward and to serve the community. This commitment is seen most readily in the overall reduction in crime across the county.

Hopefully 1995 will be a year in which we can consolidate, build on our successes and continue to provide a service to the people of Essex.

I wish you all, together with your families, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

From Richard Boyd, Chairman of Essex Police Authority



1994 has been a year of uncertainty for everyone involved in the provision of local services.

Local government reorganisation, policing, health provision and education have all been areas of debate and discussion.

The police service has been directly and indirectly affected by this ebb and flow of proposals and counter proposals.

Against this you have been expected to deal with greater public expectations, and concerns about your personal security and safety.

The fact that your effectiveness has increased, despite these pressures, speaks of your professionalism and commitment to your fellow citizens in the county.

The Police Authority has also been the subject of change, and a new Police Authority will start work with you next year.

Despite that concern, I believe that it has backed your efforts totally in the last year, to the maximum permitted by the financial guidelines of Government.

You are in a service which tends to deal with the problems created by others, or handed to you because no-one else knows what to do.

You are expected to be everywhere at all times, on duty whenever needs arise, and giants of patience, tact, multi-skilled ability, and compassion.

In other words human and superhuman.

When we look at your achievements, especially in the difficult year of 1994, it is clear that all of you in the Essex Police almost achieved that impossible target.

To you, and your families, on behalf of the Essex Police Authority, I thank you for all that you do and have done.

A Happy Christmas, and a more settled 1995, are my personal wish to you.

An admiration for your achievements is the memory of 1994.

**Mr. Boyd was elected last week as chairman of the new shadow Police Authority, which will replace the existing authority on April 1.*

Award for brave sea rescue

Night patrol in Jutland

by Alan Coley,
Mistley Police

AS a Governor of Manningtree School, I recently assisted with a cultural visit by 24 of our students to the Lund Skolen, a middle school in a rural area of eastern Jutland in Denmark.

My hosts during my two week stay were Henning, a uniformed police officer stationed at Horsens, and Birgit, who is deputy head at the school.

I was invited by Henning to join his shift on a Friday night patrol of Horsens police district.

Horsens is a prosperous town, large by Danish standards, with a population of about 45,000. It has a large port dominated by D.F.D.S.

For the first couple of hours, I patrolled with the Prostitute and Bars patrol. The two officers from this unit, who wear casual clothes, but still carry a 7.62mm Walther pistol in a shoulder holster and a lead filled rubber cosh, patrol the streets of Horsens in an unmarked Ford Mondeo.

Five minutes into our patrol, we were sent to a street fight. A young man was arrested and we took him back to the police station. I was amazed how quickly that prisoner was processed. Within ten minutes we were back on patrol and our suspect was locked in a cell.

By 2.30am I was with Henning and other officers at the police station, when the officers from the Prostitute and Bars patrol called for urgent assistance. We ran the short distance to the central precinct, to find the unmarked Mondeo lying on its side,



Pc. Alan Coley visits the Danish Police

with all body panels dented and the windows smashed.

I was assured by Henning this was not normally the way Danish police vehicles were parked! Fortunately no one was injured in this act of vandalism.

My duty continued with a mobile uniform patrol around the whole Horsens police district. This patrol area is vast and when we were deployed to a house fire, we had to travel a distance of about 35 km in our 2.0 litre Opel Vector (Cavalier) patrol car.

I found policing in Denmark like a breath of fresh air. The force seems to be well resourced and works without many of the unnecessary shackles placed on the British police service.

The Danish police do not have a PACE Act, taped interviews or lawyers on demand.

However they do have CCTV in all cells, with a visual and voice link to the control room. They have a national identification system computer. When fed with a name and date of birth, it will supply details of home address and current motor vehicle driven.

They have an instant trace facility for all emergency calls made to police stations.

The Danish police also have many core functions that the British police do not. For example they issue driving licences, license vehicles and examine learner drivers.

Some of these are undertaken by civilians, but they remain under police control.

Wheel watch out for you

POLICE officers would like to take the credit for reductions in crime but the fact we rely heavily on information from the public should never go unnoticed.

Neighbourhood Watch plays an important part, and the number of Co-ordinators continues to rise with 3,922 groups registered in the county at the end of November.

Chelmsford Division has taken the initiative one step further with the help of Galleywood Citroen dealer Alan Balm.

A Citroen from the Helix Garage will become a familiar sight around the town bearing a Neighbourhood Watch logo. It will be used by district Co-ordinators and police officers to promote the partnership approach.

At a presentation earlier this month Assistant Chief Constable Charles Clark expressed his gratitude for the donation, probably the first of its kind in the country. Pictured L-R are Mr. Balm, NW co-ordinator Geoff Ireland, Insp. Dick Madden and Julie Bale, director.

TWO brave Walton-based policemen who battled against six-foot waves to rescue a man from the sea have received awards from the Royal Humane Society.

Pc. Neal Rowley and Sgt. Alan Rusbridge got drenched as they struggled to pull coastguard Robin Warrington out of the water after his valiant attempt to save an elderly lady who had waded into the sea.

Pc. Rowley lost his glasses, tie and handcuffs as they struggled to pull Mr. Warrington to safety. But the two modest officers said they did not have time to think about the danger as they were struck by heavy waves.

The officers, along with Mr. Warrington and two other members of the public, received the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Parchment at Clacton Town Hall last month for their lifesaving efforts.

Pc. Rowley and Sgt. Rusbridge were called to East Terrace at Walton-on-Naze in October last year after the woman was seen entering the rough sea in an apparent suicide attempt. Local resident John Watcham threw out a lifebuoy and entered the sea but



Sgt. Alan Rusbridge and Pc. Neal Rowley with their certificates on the steps at Walton where they pulled coastguard Robin Warrington from the sea.

he was unable to reach her and had to be helped from the water.

Mr. Warrington, wearing a buoyancy aid and a lifeline, also attempted to reach the woman but he lost the lifeline and began to drift.

Pc. Rowley threw him a rope which, fortunately he caught first

time. The two officers, helped by a member of the public Philip Hoy, were able to pull him in from some nearby steps.

Despite their efforts, the woman was swept away and her body was later recovered with the help of a lifeboat and an Air/Sea rescue helicopter.

HEY FATTY TUM TUM

WHILE most of us are attempting to dodge the dreaded weighing scales as the festive season gets into full swing, a merry band of Chelmsford officers just can't keep off them.

It all started several months ago when Inspector Dick Madden became so fed up with his tight police uniform he felt something had to be done.

The 15 stone officer swallowed his pride and headed for his local slimming club - now he has lost over two stone and has convinced six of his colleagues to join him.

Insp. Madden said, "We don't look after our bodies enough when we get into our 40s. There are lots of people who sit on their backsides all day and put on weight, and this diet is the ideal way to shift it. I feel a lot healthier and fitter now and don't get out of breath walking up flights of stairs."

Slimming Consultant Anne Hyde who runs the 'Slimming World' men only class in Great Baddow said the officers' success was amazing. "It's difficult to follow a diet when you work shifts but this is a carefully worked out diet which means you can eat throughout the day."

But Insp. Madden admitted, "I love Christmas, I will be festive and merry and eat plenty and I'll get back to the diet in the New Year".



Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.



IN THE TRIM: Members of the 'Fat Boys Club' who collectively have lost nine stone, with consultant Anne Hyde.

Lanzarote holiday winner

THE winner of last month's Lanzarote holiday competition is Southend-based Traffic Warden Mrs. Lauren Crane.

Mrs. Crane's name was picked out from more than 250 entries, and she correctly named three other holiday islands in the Canaries as Tenerife, Gran Canaria and Fuerteventura.

She wins a week's stay for two people at the luxurious Oasislanz Club on the Costa Tequise.

BARRY MANILOW'S...

COPACABANA
THE MUSICAL

THEATRE TICKET OFFER

Her name was Lola...

EXPERIENCE the passion of the Copacabana as Barry Manilow's hit song comes to life in a West End musical extravaganza starring Gary Wilmot.

Follow showgirl Lola's quest for stardom amid the tropical intrigue of Havana nightlife, and her passionate affair with bartender Tony.

And meet Rico, the suave but villainous owner of the Tropicana Nightclub, who promises to make Lola a star - for a price.

The Law has teamed up with Applause Ltd. to secure cut-price tickets for the best seats in the house for two performances in the New Year. For Wednesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 26 (starting at 8pm), you can order £30 tickets for just £17.50 by filling in the coupon and returning it, with your payment (cheques payable to Applause Ltd.) and an SAE, to the address on the form by January 3.

Please book tickets for me for the following performance:

COPACABANA, Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, London.

Wednesday January 25, 1995 (number of tickets) @ £17.50 each.

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I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to Applause Ltd., or

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Signed:

Send with SAE and payment to The Law Theatre offer, PO Box 177, London, WC2B 5ED, by January 3. Offer subject to availability.

****FREE TICKETS DRAW****

ONE of our lucky applicants will receive a pair of tickets to see Copacabana on their chosen date FREE OF CHARGE in our special introductory offer.

If your application is drawn out of the hat, we will notify you and your cheque will be returned to you.

Stinger on your tail



Sgt. Peter Bryan from the Force Driving School demonstrates Stinger to traffic officers.

MORE than 200 Essex Police traffic officers have now been trained to use Stinger, the latest device for bringing high speed pursuits to a swift and safe end.

The Force has bought 18 of the Stinger devices and they are now available for deployment at every traffic base in the county.

Half-day training sessions took place at Boreham airfield last month, giving every officer the chance to practice handling the device, as well as witnessing its effectiveness in a 70mph test.

Information Room staff and dog handlers have also been trained because of their roles in pursuit situations.

The £400 Stinger device, made up of hollow spikes, is designed to puncture a fleeing vehicle's tyres without causing a dangerous blow out.

The demonstration at Boreham confirmed there was no immediate loss of control, just a gradual slowing of the car over several hundred yards as the tyres took about 20 seconds to deflate.

Volunteer Pc. Rob Piper from Laindon Traffic, who drove over the device at 75mph said, "I heard the tyres explode, three of them blew out, and instantly I felt the power go. The steering felt wrong, but there wasn't a bad loss of control."

Real-life deployments of Stinger, filmed by Greater Manchester Police who have been equipped with it since January, confirm its effectiveness in bringing pursuits to a safe conclusion.

Stinger is designed so it can be thrown quickly across the road, and be retracted equally rapidly before a pursuing police car or innocent vehicle runs over it.

Young friends needed

A FRENCH Au-Pair who is in the Colchester area until September 1995 is looking to make new friends of both sexes, aged between 19 and 22 years, who are able to speak some French.

Vinciane can be contacted via Dc. Matheson at CSB Shrub End (Ednet 4591) or on (0206) 271608.

Sharon's 'magic moment' means lots of lolly

IT WAS a 'magic moment' when TV star Jeremy Beadle sneaked up on lollipop lady Sharon Wilson as she patrolled outside Bromley Road School, in Colchester this month.

Stunned Sharon was left speechless as he handed her a box of Quality Street and announced she had been nominated as one of the 10 most deserving community people in the country.

She was even more taken aback when Jeremy asked her to open up the box and give him the purple-covered chocolate. She undid the wrapping to discover a cheque for £500.

Sharon (40), was tricked into the surprise with the help of local newspaper the *Evening Gazette*.

She was told they were running an article on her job and road safety. As their photographer snapped away, Beadle took the opportunity to pounce.



YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED: Colchester lollipop lady Sharon Wilson is taken by surprise when Jeremy Beadle pops up outside Bromley Road School.

Picture by Diane Baker, courtesy of Essex County Newspapers.

Still recovering from the shock, Sharon said: "I'm absolutely delighted. I'm just glad I was composed enough to say 'heavens' instead of the usual *!***!!* on his programme. I was dumbstruck and anyone who knows me will tell you I'm never stuck for words."

Sharon who has been a lollipop lady for just over three years will spend the money on an extra special Christmas for her husband and teenage children.

Commended for brave rescue bid

TRAFFIC inspector Brian Taplin has been commended for his brave attempt to save a pensioner who was trapped upside down in his car in a water-filled ditch.

Harlow-based Insp. Taplin was on his way home from duty in January when he spotted the overturned car in Takeley.

He smashed a back window, crawled into the car, and found the 71-year-old driver upside down, trapped in his seat belt with his head under water.

Mr. Taplin said, "I managed to pull him into the back seat and give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation."

He continued giving the kiss-of-life until ambulance crews arrived to take over but, despite his efforts, the man died before reaching hospital.

Determination

Mr. Taplin's commendation, awarded by Chief Constable John Burrow last month, praised his "initiative, determination and dedication". He was also commended by the Coroner at the inquest.

Three detectives who helped track down robbers who shot a security guard at Dunmow also received commendations last month.

Securicor guard Barry Madle nearly lost his leg after being shot at point blank range outside Leo's supermarket in May last year, when the robbers escaped with £40,000.

Expertise

Dc.s Mark Spellman, Christopher Heaffey and David Peck received their awards for "expertise and professionalism" in bringing the robbers to justice. Inspector Bob Miller and DS. Keith Davies, who were unable to attend the presentation, will also receive commendations.

Three men were jailed for their part in the robbery after a five-week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court earlier this year.

Also receiving Chief Constable's commendations last month were Pc. Neil Offord, Pitsea; Pc. Richard Hylands, Rayleigh; Pc. Vernon Fleming, Harlow; DCI Roy Dennis, Colchester; and Pc. Lee Davies, Clacton.

BELOW: Dc.s Spellman, Heaffey and Peck with their certificates. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

Game plan to help youths

ESSEX Police are looking at ways to keep youngsters off the streets in a joint initiative with other county organisations.

Chelmsford Division started the ball rolling this month with the launch of Youth Base, a 'think tank' to help provide facilities for the younger generation.

It was the idea of Insp. Dick Madden who has joined forces with the Essex Boys Club and the Rural Community Council.

At a presentation to Mayor Michael Dilloway and a number of invited guests, it was suggested that facilities for young people, particularly those living in the rural areas, are too scarce.

The Basildon Youth Theatre performed a series of sketches demonstrating how boredom can push children into illegal activities.

The boardgame, Chief of Police, invented by Southend constable Tony Barton to teach children the law, was also relaunched, with Next Plc sponsoring 200 games for local schools.



Supt. Bob Ward teams up with Chelmsford youngsters to launch Youth Base. Picture: Essex Chronicle.

First chance to test EPICS

COMPUTER users are invited to test out the new system planned for Essex Police to iron out any problems before it goes live.

Planners of the new 'EPICS' network are asking officers and support staff to take part in a usability trial next month when ten prototype terminals are installed at Wickford.

The system will eventually bring all the current computer systems and many manual files on to one huge database.

Training Manager, Inspector John Worland said it was important for people to come and try the system. "We want as many people as possible to come and assess its usability. The software is

Windows driven and staff will have a chance to use the Custody and Property application part of the system, they will then be asked for their views on a questionnaire", he said.

Anyone who wishes to take part in the trial is asked to contact the EPICS team on extension 2529. It is hoped that a full divisional trial will start in Basildon later next year.





TV memories come back into focus

CONGRATULATIONS to Essex Police Focus production team on their recent award.

I am prompted to relate my own experience with TV in Essex Police from its outset. Its advent lies shrouded in an out of focus mist of past video TV productions but the responsibility (blame) could be placed equally between HQ Scenes of Crime Department and HQ Training Centre.

The outcome of their deliberations was a TV monitor, portable camera and a silver box containing a V.T.R., which I shall not name for fear of legal repercussions! Needless to say it was about one step up from the steam driven model and needed only one mule to carry it out over normal terrain.

To begin with it was a bit of a lark and it did get us away from real work like trying to solve crime and things. The only snag was some of us (Me)

being rather set in our ways; lens cap off, 1 2 3 lens cap back on, breathe again we were still rather in love with our self propelled wooden framed Kodak Specials and never really took to the new fangled V.T.R. gadget. The end results without exception were always very fuzzy (I believe the camera had an Auto-Out of Focus device) there was noticeable wobble which was accompanied by background noise, wind, persons breathing etc; it was awful.

The crunch came when I was sent to film a murder scene, it was in the middle of the night. On arrival I found the scene was half indoor half outdoor. The grainy, fuzzy unlit pictures that resulted were truly diabolical, made even worse as it had my commentary on it (and everybody else giving me advice). One of the banal remarks uttered in my unpracticed falsetto was

"This is a view of the room from the server of the hatch" whatever that might mean to infer! When played back at HQ it was received with a marked lack of enthusiasm and my protestations that TV film could not be shot without some basic illumination were greeted by cries of "manure" or words to that effect.

Following this fiasco I made test films with and without lighting, still no one believed me and I was fast becoming regarded as an incompetent with an obsession for bright lights.

My undistinguished career as a TV cameraman came to an abrupt end believe it or not during the first ever "Hi-jack Exercise" staged at Stansted.

With civilian photographer David Offord I went to cover the event with both the video camera and still photography. David was perverted enough to actually enjoy playing with the VTR gear, so I generously allowed him this perk.

During the exercise I ran out of film and at my behest David went to fetch some for me. We had been filming behind cover (Virtual Reality-good for fuzzy TV

I was so proud

Thank you so much for your help and kindness when Roy died.

I thought the police presence at the church was overwhelming and touched me deeply.

Please thank all of them for me. I was very proud of my "Sheriff" in his job and as a man.

Any of Roy's former colleagues are welcome to pop round anytime - its a lovely reminder to me of my Roy who I loved so very much.

Again many thanks.

Liz Giddings,
Maldon.

Brian Jaggs,
Braintree Police Station.

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Letters

Lessons must be learned

I WAS interested to read the article in the last edition of "The Law" in relation to the emergency exercise at Stansted Airport which took place recently.

I was very surprised to read the comments of D.C.C. Dickinson with regard to the problems of officers working long hours with no refreshment breaks.

I would like to point out

that several years ago, whilst I was serving in the Essex Police I was required to attend a real hi-jacking incident at Stansted.

Having just worked an early turn shift I was conveyed to Stansted Airport with about ten minutes notice and on arrival was immediately allocated a foot patrol in an isolated perimeter lane with no communications.

My function was to keep the Press "at bay". I remained so deployed until 8pm that day without any contact from any persons in charge, no relief and obviously no food or drink.

I survived on a half packet of extra strong mints which by chance I had in my pocket. Anyone who knows me will now realise why I always had a packet of these in my possession until the day I retired.

When the dust had settled I drew these facts to the attention of my Divisional Commander who assured me he would see that this type of thing would not happen in the

future. Perhaps you can now understand why I was surprised to read the D.C.C.'s remarks.

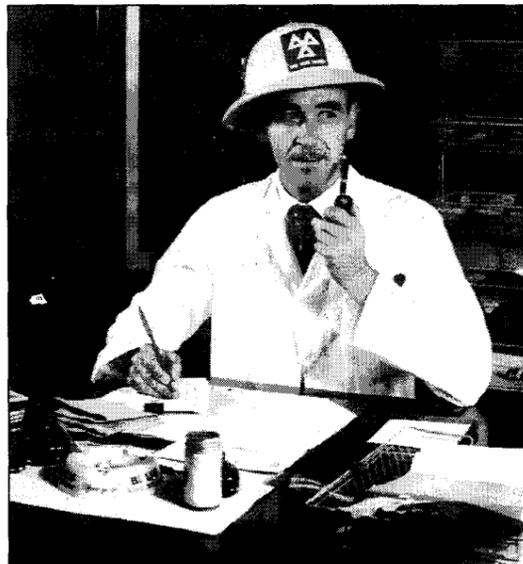
I trust that he will keep to his word and ensure that no currently serving officer has to be subjected to similar experiences to those suffered by myself.

I will admit that I probably endured worse in the early days of service but I don't wish to prompt a rush of "Hard Luck" stories. We should have moved on from the "dark ages" and my only interest is the same as ever, the welfare of front line police officers.

Dave Rose.

Ex P.c. 1251.

Cambridgeshire.



Jim plans his next TV epic.

pictures whilst nearby Post Office engineers had finished laying a telephone link to the Hi-jack plane. As David returned one van reversed, there came a dreadful crunch and David, normally pale went white. The van had found the TV camera unit lying on the ground and had squashed the fuzzy life out of it for ever. Need I say more.

Shortly afterwards as I was trying to convince David the death penalty had been abolished a certain senior officer known as "Twink" came on the scene, he actually laughed about it,

he obviously relished the fact that we would have to tell "Father" Lewis Minshall about the camera being killed off when we returned to HQ.

I never did go TV filming after that!

Jim Allen
Ex Det Sgt 182
Sturmer, Suffolk.

Thanks to Traffic officers

Recently my daughter was seriously injured in a road accident but she is now on the road to recovery.

Please can you publish a thank you in "The Law" to all officers and personnel who dealt with the accident.

Also a thank you to everyone else who has offered help and support to myself and family. It was most gratifying at a time of crisis to receive so much support.

P.c. A.R. Young
Great Wakering DBO.

Holland Re-visited

FIRST may I thank you for the article about my return to Normandy fifty years after D-Day. I have since been to Holland with former colleagues of my unit -The Essex Yeomanry.

We followed our wartime route in the "Market Garden" operation up to Nijmegen where, once again, we were given a wonderful reception and, because we had originally been amongst the first of the Liberators, were each presented with a fine medal.

Anyone who saw the film "A Bridge too Far" will understand the position!

Next, I refer to Hazel Coleman's letter in the September issue of The Law and yes, I well remember most of the persons referred to, especially Chic, Dicky and Roy. But, sorry, I have no recollection of the story re Chic's hat and can only say such action sounds very unlike my general behaviour.

So, if it was me involved, I can only say there must have been an extremely good reason for having done it (thrown Chic's new hat out of the train window).

Best wishes to Chic and all the others mentioned and, although I was very sorry when the Essex Police Magazine finished, I do congratulate you for the way you have developed The Law.

Bob Palmer,
Great Yarmouth.

Your kindness is appreciated

Please may I through your paper on behalf of June, my wife and myself express our thanks to all those friends and colleagues who sent cards and well wishes as a result of my recent heart attack.

It is a great source of comfort to know that so many people are thinking of you at a time when your health and spirits are low.

I am sure that has helped my speedy and expected full recovery. As soon as I am able I will be writing a personal reply to everyone.

Thank you.

Brian Cochrane
Crown Court Liaison.

I.P.A. News - Mid Essex Branch - by Fred Dyson

AN interesting and educational evening was experienced at HQ last month, when a talk was given by Mr Pead, a member of the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. About 28 members and wives were present.

It commenced with a colour film, showing some hair-raising rescues around our coasts. Much of their work is co-ordinated with the Coastguard and the Air sea rescue helicopters.

After the film another

R.N.L.I. member, Mr Hugh Howett gave an account of his experiences. His knowledge of different types of lifeboats and Stations around the coast of Great Britain was excellent.

They receive no grants whatsoever and rely solely on voluntary contributions. Like many crews, all are volunteers.

We have recently held a Committee Meeting and some suggestions have been put forward for our 1995 programme, but, we would like our members

to come forward with some suggestions when we hold our A.G.M. on Friday 20th. January 1995 at HQ.

Our annual dinner has been provisionally booked for Friday 10th February 1995 at the "New Times", Tiptree. This will be discussed at the AGM.

May I please take this opportunity of wishing all our members, wives and friends who support us a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

N.A.R.P.O. Notes

by Brian Taylor Southend Branch

I AM keeping my promise to keep you up to date pending the new NARPO publication coming on line, with these few notes which have come to hand since my letter of 30th October.

Yet another car insurance offer; Serviceline UK Ltd., at Chelmsford on 0245 496496 is offering, they say, a discounted scheme and including up to three months free continental cover, window etching, and a courtesy car on their approved repairer scheme with comprehensive cover, following an accident. Speak to D. Denyer.

A reminder that you are entitled to membership of the Matalan Discount Club at the Riverside Retail Park, Victoria Road, Chelmsford (opposite the swimming pool). Sells clothing, household goods, toys - a bit like a discounted Woolworths. If interested, remember to take your NARPO Membership card and the national NARPO registration number is 80284. May save you a few pennies on the Christmas presents.

Don't forget the Social at Southend Police Club on Wednesday 1st. February 1995, 7.30pm onwards.

Last but not least, if you have decided that the new level of subs (£10.80) is more than you care to pay, do please let me know that you wish to resign (0702 74754).

Funds rocket at hospice

A FIREWORK display held at the headquarters playing field helped raise nearly one thousand pounds for the Chelmsford Hospice.

The annual event organised by the HQ Sports and Social Club was delayed by a week because of the hi-jack exercise held over the traditional firework weekend. However attendance figures were as high as ever.

Linda Hart HQ Sports and Social Club Hon. Secretary said "The evening was a great success and thanks must go to the HQ Garage staff who gave up their evening to supervise the display.



The bumper cheque is handed over. L-R George Harris (Hospice), Linda Hart, Phil Knight (HQ Garage) and nurse Pauline Nunn.

It's been a smashing time for Tony

THEIR eyes met across a smashed up police car and a short while later they tied the knot.

That's one of the fond memories Tony Campen has of the job he left this month after 25 years.

Tony (44) worked as a 'commissioner' in the police garage. He met wife Pat back in 1971 when he was called, in the pouring rain, to recover a vehicle in Brentwood and she was a cadet on duty.

The couple, still happily married, have two daughters aged 12 and 11.

Reminiscing about the days of Austin A60s compared with the technology of in-car cameras used in today's vehicles



Tony Campen says goodbye to the blues and twos of Essex Police.

he claims the time he has had with Essex Police has been "brilliant".

But it is also tinged with sadness as he leaves behind old friends and colleagues and watches the work go to outside tenders.

Tony will now work in Saffron Walden, in a similar job, working with MoD vehicles and Ford Demonstrators.

He celebrated his departure with a get-together at Police HQ.

Children will miss kind Jack

CHILDREN and staff from a school in Colchester are mourning the loss of their loyal lollipop man, Jack Smith, who died recently at

the age of 84.

Jack had been a familiar face to two generations of children at the St Anne's Primary School and, it is believed, held the record for the longest serving lollipop man in Essex. For the last 20 years he had helped youngsters cross the busy Ipswich Road from the Broadlands estate.

Born in Lincolnshire he moved to Essex in 1913 where he worked for many years at Paxmans in Colchester. He was a keen motorcyclist and during his

life had owned 17 different motorcycles.

St Anne's headteacher, Will Hawksworth, described Jack as a quiet and very kind man.

"The kids loved him, he was very patient and relaxed with them. There are many parents who remember being helped across the road by him when they were children, he will be missed", he said.

Over 100 people packed Stanway Evangelical Church for Jack's funeral last week.

Obituaries

ESSEX Police extends its sympathies to the families of the following officers and support staff who have died:

Ex-Inspector Alec Mackman, of Dunmow, who joined Essex Police in 1960 and retired in 1990, died on December 3, aged 62.

Ex-Inspector Ronald Dye, of Harlow, who joined Essex Police in 1950 and retired in 1979, died on November 28, aged 74.

Ex-Pc. William Ringer, of Chelmsford, who served with Essex Police between 1924 and 1946, died on December 5, aged 91.

Traffic Warden Mrs Catherine Bartleman, based at Basildon, who joined Essex Police in 1992, died on November 24, aged 40.

Retirements

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

- Pc. Barrie Upton**, Rayleigh CSB, 31 yrs (25.11.94).
- Pc. Roderick Gibbinson**, Leigh, 30 years (9.12.94).
- Pc. Henry Bates**, Rayleigh, 31 yrs 6 mths (31.12.94).
- Miss Enid Symes**, Senior Clerk, Colchester, 28 years (18.12.94).

Pudsey's Success

A FUN-PACKED quiz evening organised by the HQ Sports and Social Club raised more than one thousand pounds for the BBC Children In Need Appeal.

Nearly 30 brainy teams from headquarters departments battled to become supreme champions by answering general knowledge questions set by quiz master Chief Inspector Steve Bright.

Top of the class came the Training Centre team headed by the victorious captain Chief Inspector Geoff Emsden.

Committee organisers said the evening had been a great success and thanked those who had donated money and raffle prizes for the event.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Christmas Lottery

THE WINNERS of the Christmas lottery draw are as follows:

£1500 Sgt Alan Pickering, Braintree; £1000 June Lambert, Southend; £500 Cons Paul Norman, Braintree; £300 DCons Philip Bridge, Headquarters; £200 DCons Mark Pickett, HQ; £100 Samantha Argent, Thurrock.

The following will receive a Christmas Hamper:

Cons Roy Kebell, Basildon; Cons David Mayo, Westcliff; Cons Jonathan Lane, Grays; Jenifer Breen, HQ; Cons Andrew Ingleby, Grays; Cons Mark Giles, Pitsea; Cons Richard Burgess, Basildon; Patricia Hazeltine, Colchester; DCons John Potter, SB Colchester; Wendy Morrissey, HQ; Cons Jonathan Cornish, Chelmsford; Sgt David Ashbolt, Basildon; Cons Charles Trigg, HQ; Cons Michael Mercer, Sandon Dogs; Insp Colin Owen,

Westcliff; Dana Suttling, HQ; Cons Paul Daly, Grays; Cons Simon Lister, Ramsden; Cons Kelly Offord, Basildon; Cons Neil Green, Canvey; Cons Gail Lawman, Basildon; DCons Paul Ritson, Witham.

Winners of last month's draw were:

£1500 Cons Kevin Hemsworth, Canvey; £1000 Jonathan Hindmarsh, Headquarters; £500 DCons Richard Houghton, HQ; £300 Cons Alison Owen, HQ; £200 Sgt. Jeremy Morgan, Witham, £100 Jason De Bono, HQ.

The following will receive £50 consolation prizes:

Cons Terrence Rackley, Harlow Traffic; Cons Diane Capon, Laindon; Cons Lee Noakes, Tilbury; Cons Thomas O'Brian, Grays; Cons Matthew Slade, Leigh; Cons Robert Dalton, Clacton; Cons Ian Krout, Brentwood; Sgt. Ernest Pooley, Southend; DCons Barbara Washbrook, SB Southern, DInsp Andrew Down, Rayleigh.

Market Place Market Place

DOG Guard for Vauxhall Astra Estate, £25. Amstrad 1640 DD computer with enhanced colour monitor and printer, £150. Contact Pc Steve Rampling on 0245 475130.

FOR rent. Spacious

unfurnished two-bed maisonette. Private garden, garage, fitted kitchen, economy 7, including carpets and curtains. Secluded private close at Highwoods, Colchester, £375 pcm. Contact Pc Paul Dean on

0206 854850.

FOR SALE. Ford Orion 1.6 LX, saloon, metallic silver, 1987 (E), excellent condition, MoT, taxed, £2,500. Contact Insp R.E. Miller on 0376 551312, Ednet 3904.

GOLF CLUBS. 9 Wilson 1200 irons, 3 Mizuno woods, putter, new Wilson bag (cost £80), Wilson deluxe trolley, all for £140 for quick sale. Contact Pc Roger Cockett on 0621 773175.

GOOD homes wanted for cats and kittens. Ring Colchester Cat Rescue on 0206 211237 - Miss Parsonson.

MG METRO E Reg, red, MoT, taxed, £1,200 ono. Contact John Worland, on 0245 491491, Ednet 2529.

TO LET Fully furnished, three-bed terraced house in Laindon, £350 pcm. Contact Pc

Chamberlain at Canvey on 0268 511212.

VAUXHALL CAVALLIER 1.6 L, 'A' reg, long MoT, tax. Well above average, not rusty, good bodywork, immaculate interior, totally reliable, £850. Contact DI Phil Mellon on 0279 641212.

VAUXHALL NOVA 1.4 SR, 'G' reg (July 1990, blue, vgc, six months tax, MoT, £3,500. Contact Sharon on 0245 491491, Ednet 2726 or 0245 322568 (after 6pm).

VW BEETLE '77, 1200cc, R reg, years' MoT, tax til April 95, good runner, £950. Contact Ronnie Potter X3589 or 0245 259276.

FLORIDA luxury 3 bed villa, own heated pool, sleeps 6/8, 15 minutes Disney, fully equipped on private estate, Sgt Hardy, TB or 0702 464358.

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Sport in brief**Great run**

A SUPERB performance by Essex runners Mike Kliskey and Mick Bond saw them taking second and third places in the SEPAA cross country league race at West Wickham last month.

These were their best ever placings in the league, helping Essex to third place behind Sussex and Kent.

The B team and ladies team also took third places in their competitions, with the veterans managing to field a team to take sixth place.

Seventeen ladies completed the one-lap course with a fine run from Moira Ainsley, the first veteran home, in overall fourth place. The race was won by Amanda Larby of Hants in the excellent time of 21.40.

After two races the ladies team is well-placed in third position with 135 points, the mens B team is also third and the A team is 5th, although within striking distance of third-placed Hants. The veterans are down in 8th place after failing to field a team for the first race.

The Essex placings were Mike Kliskey 2nd, Mick Bond 3rd, Chris Turner 13th, Ian Jennings 36th, Andy Down 41st, Steve King 43rd, Paul Cakebread 55th, Roy Kebbell 69th, Andy Eves 71st, Laurie Rampling 76th, Paul Hooks 79th. A total of 81 runners took part.

The ladies placings were: Moira Ainsley 4th, Alison Stewart 9th, Janet Adcock 13th, Angie Scothern 16th, Liz Boothman 17th.

The next SEPAA fixture is on December 15 at Maidstone.

Bob's a knockout

GOLF: Bob Hayes from HQ Press and Information Department won the Taff Jones Memorial Knockout Trophy for the second year running, beating Gary McSwann from Newport Traffic in the final.

Bob won the final, played at Cannons Brook Golf Club last month, by 6 and 5.

CID cricket

THE Gentlemen of Essex CID cricket club is open to serving, former and retired members of the department. Anyone interested should contact Inspector Bob Miller at Braintree or DI Phil Mellon at Harlow police station.

Team has goal in sight

Danny gets a shiner



Victorious Danny with his trophies

SPORTING Essex boxer Danny Stoten showed his class when stepped into the ring for the British Police at short notice to beat a tough Army opponent.

South Ockendon-based Danny had been told two weeks before the contest against the British Army Boxing team that he would not be fighting and, after sustaining an injury a week later, had been unable to train.

He travelled to the Royal Lancaster Hotel in

London for last month's event to assist the team and take photos.

But, after several of the scheduled fights were called off, the team manager asked Danny if he would fight.

Despite natural reservations, he agreed, and less than an hour later he

was in the ring in front of a 600-strong crowd.

The first two rounds saw sharp boxing from Stoten, whose opponent Ockenowa was a strong competitor. In the final round, both boxers fought hard to the bell.

Despite receiving a black eye for his trouble, Danny's work was well rewarded when he won an impressive trophy on a points decision.

THE ESSEX Police men's hockey team has progressed to the zone final of the PAA competition for the first time, thanks to a superb performance against Avon and Somerset in the third round last month.

Travelling to Bristol the night before proved a good decision, with the game starting at noon.

A few familiar faces were missing from the team, but the welcome return of John Evans and Eddie Russell helped to compensate.

Right from the warm-up session, supervised by Andy Cryne, the team spirit was tremendous, and although we started as underdogs it was clear we were not going down without a fight.

Resolve

It was just as well, as the first ten minutes became a test of resolve, with Avon and Somerset camped almost permanently in the Essex half.

However, things suddenly seemed to fall into place as the Essex team gained in confidence. The first goal came just before half time with a deflected short corner from Sean Heckles beating the 'keeper.

The second Essex goal was an outstanding individual effort from Matt Brooking who picked the ball up just inside our opponents' half, then went round four defenders to smash the ball home.

The Avon team seemed to be gathering momentum

when the final nail in the coffin was driven home by Gary Franklin.

Gary's persistence paid off after the 'keeper fumbled a strike on goal and he was right on the spot to receive the loose ball and score.

Three goals to the good with only ten minutes to play, but the team effort did not waver, ensuring the match was won in convincing style.

The team never let its discipline slip and this did not go unnoticed, with both

by **Geordie Tyson**

umpires remarking on Essex's sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

A special mention must go to stand-in 'keeper Marvin Rothman who kept Essex in the game on more than one occasion.

This win gives Essex a place in the zone final against Gloucester on February 1, and the winner of that game goes into the national finals at Dereham in Norfolk.

This is the furthest Essex has ever been in the competition, and its not over yet!

Grays' golfing gauntlet



Supt. Bob Good (right) presents the trophy to Grays captain Chf. Insp. Brian Sharpe.

THE gauntlet was thrown down to Brentwood officers to compete annually against the old Grays sub-division in a golfing challenge.

The aim was to retain sporting links with the "old enemy", now Brentwood is no longer part of the same police division.

At 8.30am on November 14 both teams teed off at Warley Park Golf Club for the Grays Division Challenge Cup.

The course was in excellent condition which was more than could be said for the weather. Gusting winds and frequent showers made for an interesting day's play.

At the conclusion of the round both teams adjourned for lunch, during which Stableford scores were added up.

Unfortunately one of the Brentwood team had withdrawn due to illness. The remaining seven amassed a score of 206 points.

It was agreed that Grays would subtract their middle order score, much to the captain's disappointment as his score was subtracted.

However the remaining team total of 208 was good enough to clinch victory, and Supt. Bob Good presented the trophy to Grays captain Brian Sharpe.

The best individual performance came from Alan Bennett of Grays who scored 38 points.

Brentwood will have their chance for revenge when the trophy is played for next year.

John Mackman

Newcomer Richard causes a Croker Cup upset

NEWCOMER Richard Edwards of Colchester created the upset of the Croker Cup Badminton tournament when he claimed the men's singles title.

Richard beat holder Peter Ramsey of Headquarters 15-4, 15-2 in the final.

Despite this setback, Headquarters had fielded their usual strong team and went on to win the tournament.

The event was held last month at Clements Hall Sports Centre. This is the fourth year Badminton has been included in the Croker Cup competition, each year it has been held at the same venue.

This year, because of the new divisions, Rayleigh Police were the hosts.

There were eight teams taking part made up from: HQ, Colchester,

Chelmsford, Basildon, Southend, and Rayleigh.

This event is becoming more popular, as last year some 36 people took part, but this year the number rose to 45, with some very competitive matches being played.

Perhaps the missing divisions could field teams next year.

The results were as follows:

Men's Singles: Winner Colchester, Runner Up Headquarters.

Ladies Singles: Winner Headquarters, Runner Up Chelmsford.

Men's Doubles: Winner Southend, Runner Up Headquarters.

Ladies Doubles: Winner Headquarters, Runner Up Braintree.

Mixed Doubles: Winner Headquarters, Runner Up Southend.

Veteran Men's Doubles: Winner Chelmsford, Runner Up Headquarters.

These results awarded the following points to each division:

Headquarters 33, Southend 21, Chelmsford 17, Colchester 15, Braintree 12, Rayleigh 10.

Croker Cup Points were awarded as follows:

Headquarters 6 points, Southend 4, Chelmsford 2, Colchester, Braintree and Rayleigh 1 point each.

The PAA No5 Region Championships will be held at Hampshire Police Headquarters in January or February.

Julie Gowen, Southend

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